

3/15/89

Dear Aunt Marjorie,

I have finally assembled all the "stuff" I've been intending to send you since last fall.

I didn't know you'd been in the hospital. The fact that you recovered from pneumonia proves that you are still a very strong-willed person. As you mentioned another time, your doctor said it wouldn't be the cancer that took you, so I guess you're going to be around for awhile longer!

It's a good thing because I have some very important work for you to do in the months to come. First,



here are some tapes for you to <sup>2</sup>  
listen to. One is of my parents,  
grandparents & brother in 1955. The  
other are stories told by my  
maternal grandmother's sister, Amy  
Mayo. I also included a photocopy  
of a couple pictures of Amy as a  
young woman.

Then there is a tape recorder & some  
blank tapes for you to keep & use.  
We have pictures of Amy & you to  
inspire us & our children's children.  
And we have Amy's stories about  
times we never knew. Nothing would  
make us happier than to have  
your stories, too. The tape recorder  
isn't new — I picked it up at a  
garage sale — but it works well  
as far as I know. It's very easy



to operate. There are 8 blank 90<sup>min</sup> tapes plus mailing envelopes which will each hold 2 tapes & have the correct postage on them already, so all you have to do is drop them in a mailbox. All that remains is for you to tap your memories & speak about them from time to time, you can speak softly — the volume control controls how loud the machine records as well as how loud it plays. There's even a little prop for the mike if you don't wish to hold it. Finally, a little headphone if you want to listen to a tape privately. If there's any problem with the equipment I have another extra tape recorder being serviced which you can have if you need it. If David or any other



family members would like (4)  
copies of any tapes you make &  
have a new machine that makes  
copies, & will be glad to send some  
back!

Three orange crocuses with purple  
stripes are in bloom in my garden  
this morning. I know now why  
my grandmother called them her  
favorite flower — spring is  
truly on its way.

I thought you might enjoy some  
other family pictures I had too.  
In the "bragging about the kids" dept.:  
Julie is a film producer, surfer,  
snow-boarder ("surfing" on snow) &  
tends bar on weekends. She works  
& plays hard, & has an exciting  
life. She looks like & reminds me



very much of my mother. — (3)  
if you can believe that combination!  
Steve is very business-like but also  
very creative like his dad. He can  
tear bowling pin-spotter machines  
apart + put them back together  
again, but he also writes poetry,  
can design computer programs  
+ edit recorded music. He decided  
this year to return to college to  
earn a degree in communications,  
so works 2 jobs + goes to school.

Am busy with 27 piano students  
plus various projects including  
trying to have sewers installed  
in my neighborhood, design jewelry  
+ do some real estate work.

The secret is to keep the old mind



occupied. Pain, disappointment (6)  
& anxiety have to take 2nd place  
when your mind is fixed up. I  
don't consider any subject off  
limits when it comes to thought.  
For instance, one morning when  
I was still in bed, I got to thinking  
that the Pledge of Allegiance to the  
flag could really be improved —  
made more true & meaningful,  
& more understandable to little  
children — the language is far too  
formal. Something like "I pledge  
allegiance to my family & to the  
community in which I live --- etc."  
Do you have any ideas on this subject?

Well, I want to send this off  
before I go to work so I'll say



Brothers & sisters - good times (3)  
& bad

✓ Home responsibilities, discipline

✓ Pets, hunting, fishing <sup>2-1</sup> <sup>not</sup> <sup>sater</sup>

Holidays - special foods, get-togethers

Church - role in community life,  
religion at home

Home - furnishings bought or made,  
how heated, lighted, privacy,  
water source <sup>2-1</sup> <sup>outh</sup>

Boyfriends/girlfriends <sup>2-1</sup> <sup>sent 31</sup>

Health care - doctors, surgery, <sup>go under pack</sup>  
hospitals, medicine available, <sup>ith</sup>  
home remedies

Notes to see

Woman's life - expectation as wife,  
community member, mother,  
as an individual - responses to  
those expectations

X Dentists



Higher education - availability (P)

x/19 Career choices - for men, women

Moral perceptions of bigotry, "sin", C  
alcoholism, adultery, C <sup>divorce</sup> mental S

S illness, S learning disabilities,

S handicaps, B minorities, B immigrants,  
divorce C

XI transportation

Entertainments

the Future - heaven, life after death, visits from individuals from other planets, the end of the world, the return of Jesus, hell, travel to other planets, travel to other periods of history, mind-reading, clairvoyance, reproduction in laboratories (Booo bad), robot housekeepers (Yippee!)



Vacations

(10)

Competitive sports

Typical incomes + occupations of  
local people

Cost of common things — shoes,  
toy wagon, horse, pound of  
flour, coffee, apples, postage stamps,  
trousers, blouse, etc.

Who took care of old people?

Did families have guns in the house?

How did people feel about the various  
war efforts?

Effect of new highway

Effect of electricity, cars, TV, movies  
appliances

Gardening

Childbirth





Mary Maye as a young woman, born around 1890.  
 Sister to Sue Little Correll's maternal grandmother,  
 Mary Maye Davis



In my day there were three rooms and three teachers in Hinsdale<sup>Union</sup> School - Primary - <sup>1-4</sup> Miss Green - Wiley Intermediate - ~~Mr~~ 6-8 and High School. the principal Mr. Joray, then Mr. Vincent, Mr. Sprague -

In the fall of 1905 I entered the Intermediate.

In order to go onto H.S. ~~from 8th grade~~ we had to pass Regents (State exams) in the so called prelimi<sup>Spelling</sup> Subjects - Reading Writing Arithmetic, English and a bit later U.S. History. The teacher was allowed leeway as to ~~when these~~ <sup>at</sup> what grades ~~might~~ take level these might be taken. ~~In June of Sixth~~

grade, 1906 all of us took and I think passed <sup>Reading</sup> Geography. I also did <sup>Writing</sup> Spelling and ~~arithmetic~~ after some thought English. That left arithmetic and U.S. History. The rule was that

a pupil was permitted to sit in high school and take H.S. subjects lacking 2 prelim. Sub. So in the fall of 1906 I entered H.S.

The new principal, Mr. Sprague, came to our house to interview me, in late Aug. ~~before~~

I was barefoot, out in the kitchen washing china dishes when he came. I took time to pull on some stockings bef ore going into Sillings Room. I would be improper to be seen in public at my age with

B A R E L E G S

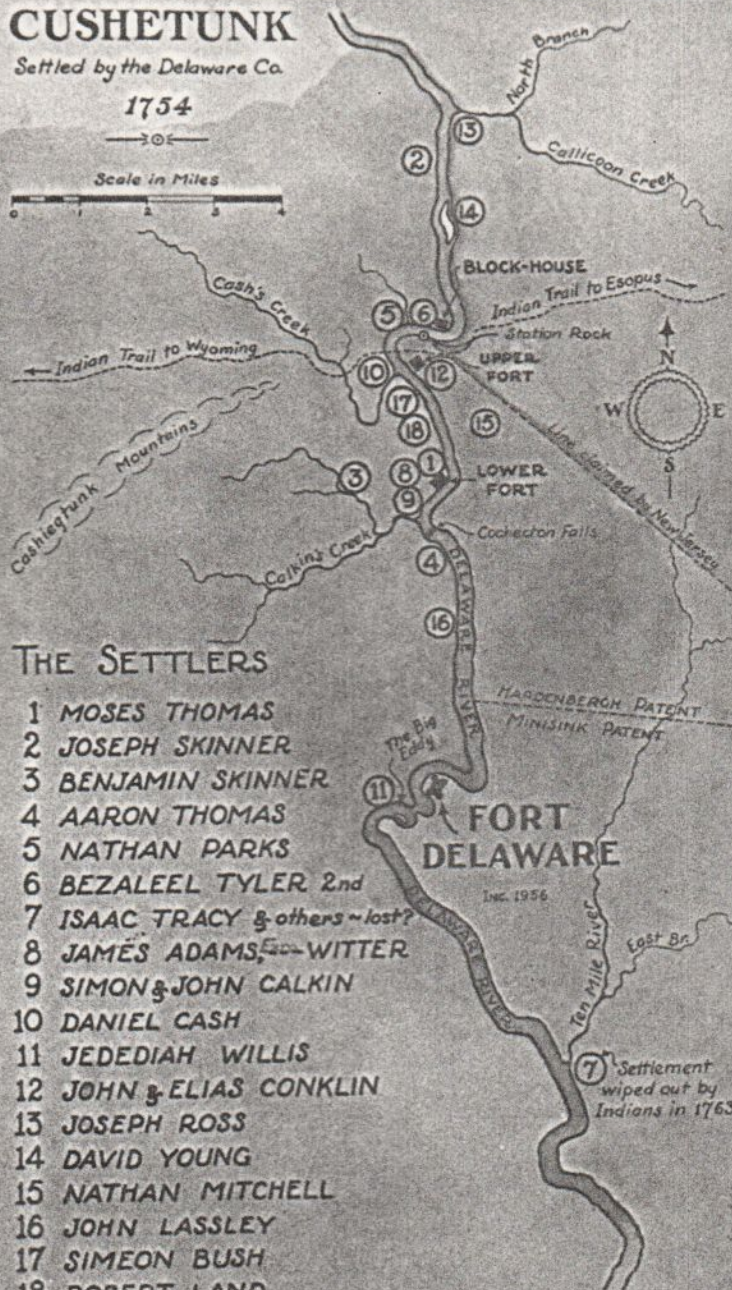
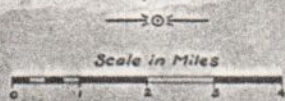


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# CUSHETUNK

Settled by the Delaware Co.

1754



## THE SETTLERS

- 1 MOSES THOMAS
- 2 JOSEPH SKINNER
- 3 BENJAMIN SKINNER
- 4 AARON THOMAS
- 5 NATHAN PARKS
- 6 BEZALEEL TYLER 2nd
- 7 ISAAC TRACY & others ~ lost?
- 8 JAMES ADAMS, Esq. - WITTER
- 9 SIMON & JOHN CALKIN
- 10 DANIEL CASH
- 11 JEDEDIAH WILLIS
- 12 JOHN & ELIAS CONKLIN
- 13 JOSEPH ROSS
- 14 DAVID YOUNG
- 15 NATHAN MITCHELL
- 16 JOHN LASSLEY
- 17 SIMEON BUSH
- 18 ROBERT LAND

The Map above shows the location of the houses erected by the first twenty families to settle in the Cushetunk region. When it became necessary, in 1761, to fortify the settlement the head man, Moses Thomas, had the stockade built around his house, the Calkins' house, and the dwelling of James Adams.



~~Vacations~~ - Summer 10 wks ~~Xmas~~ 10

Christmas - 10 days to two weeks -

Easter - usually 10 days, NO snow

Examination weeks quarterly

begins Jan & June -

Books - Milne's arith & algebra, Fry's

Geog, Baldwin's readers, Poems

from Whittier, Longfellow

Eggston's History, Hawthorne, Irving's

Sketch Book, Merchant of Venice,

Julius Caesar, Mc Beth, Paradise L.

"and missing the 9 Walk -

Creek

I have already told about fishing  
in the little brook up at Grandpa  
Witters. We also waded in it, and  
on hot days put on old dresses  
and tried to get wet all over in  
some little pond - 10. skating <sup>double</sup> summer

When I was older - past 12 yrs -  
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I was trusted to take Marian  
and Lewis's to Olean Creek, be-  
hind our house. I tied two  
gal tin gallon syrup cans together  
for 'water wings' and cautiously  
tried to float or propel myself a  
short distance along the shallow  
part. I was always very conscious  
of my responsibility, so though  
I loved the water I could not relax  
and fully enjoy it.



breed cows and one registered one. They were  
my pets. One named Betty would come to me from  
anywhere she could hear me, if I went out and  
called "Here Betty." I even enjoyed getting up  
early on cold winter mornings and going out to  
throw out hay for them, before I prepared our  
breakfast.

My ~~special~~<sup>special</sup> place was sold each fall at the Pike  
~~Feeders' Sale~~. When mine retired and we  
wanted to spend our winters in Florida, I sold  
the herd to good advantage.

I have four children: Howard M., of Newbury, N.Y.  
Mrs. Ralph (Thelma) Robinson, King St., Albany, Dutchess  
Co., N.Y.; Mildred Beatrice, Richard N. of Newland, N.C.  
all retired.

The School of Agriculture always an  
added my two-  
element his in-  
out of the New-  
bury, Dutchess  
cottage  
butter and cheese  
did not need at  
had sold his  
egg cattle. We  
red bred, and I  
use the finances  
and pasture, but  
a herd of twenty



It is why I chose New York State School of Agriculture, to follow high school. I was always an amateur gardener, later persuaded my friends to buy a small farm to supplement his income as Rural letter carrier out of the ~~town~~ <sup>Barre</sup> office. I then raised poultry, <sup>Barre</sup> cottage ~~for~~ <sup>for</sup> meat and eggs; made butter and cheese peddled in I learn what we did not need at me. Later in life, after he had sold his ~~ing~~, I became interested in Beef Cattle. We bought four Hereford cows, already bred, and I catted my herd. Of course he gave me financial support and furnished the hay and pasture, but the project was mine. I built up a herd of twenty

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2 I will now tell you about some of the especially good or happy times in my childhood and adolescence. 12 yrs old - <sup>had</sup> moved

2) My <sup>Both</sup> parents ~~wanted us children to~~ were anxious to give us a breadth of info. and culture. When we were about 4-6-8 to talk on telephone - P.O. Gen. Store, Mark Pierce's only tel. in town. Calling - standing in a row - talking -

~~I~~ Was taken to Pan Amer. Expo. 4961

~~When Marian was~~

Pan American Expo - Indian V. Electric Tower - Fire Works

8 & 10 to Aunt <sup>Fri.</sup> Mills - elec lights - Sat. dinner at hotel - <sup>Niagara Falls</sup> gorge route - Blackb monument - in Canada 5 Stops all pts.

12 yrs. old - changing viewpoints <sup>moved</sup> gained confidence and sensed that I had a place in the world to fill. My sense of romance lent a glow to many of my experiences. Down ~~in~~ <sup>deputed</sup> ~~deserts~~ behind the houses in Canal bottom was a large patch of Weeds fly fact or more tall. I imagined that to be Sherwood Forest, and me & my playmates were Robinhood and his gang. Marian and I would hustle through d. d. - to get down there

Croquet + bag of chocolates - 1st party - George M. ask Papa - played kissing games - Spin bottle etc -



3 cocoa to drink and choc cake refreshments. That raised a question for me - I ~~had~~ it had been an accepted fact, <sup>for 8 yrs</sup> "Mayone does not like chocolate!" ~~The question~~ One time in the summer a group of us were playing croquet. R-bag choc - I realized then that I was growing up - and better learn to like choc - which I did.

Fall of 1908. What a beautiful world! I had a new plaid gingham jumper dress, new, to start school. In school we wore <sup>many</sup> a ~~new~~ <sup>new stud one</sup> ~~boy~~, from outside the district including - Edward H. - horse across road - going to po then home - Elodine & I established as O. F. Weaned from Dorothea - to P.O. then home for dinner - he to feed horse - etc. In A.M. - Watching - Halloween hunt. - See Raub - <sup>stare</sup> - Reuben - after hit society - Gen Kent - Then he <sup>gave</sup> hated me but I still loved Edw. & Elodine & I shared him in diaries and walking - ~~to~~ also Dr. Kike  
During summer vacation - cooled off -  
Fall of 1909 - Dean Gamble - Debate -  
He walked home with me -



4 House party at Cuba Lake -  
Ralph - mildred - on Train 8 - A.M. -  
Walked to cottage - Hill Walk snake -  
getting milk - lake like glass -  
<sup>extreme</sup> ~~ecstatically~~ happiness

Rough house - pepper - Water -  
Back to school on Monday -

School Visit  
Dorothea again entered the picture of my  
life. She had spent the year before  
in school in Buffalo, under her  
mother's supervision - ideas & ideals -  
marry money - how to - A girl could  
'get' any man - Make him do  
things for you - She wanted Dean -  
I adhered to my mother's ~~very~~ strict  
ideals of being very modest and with-  
drawn. I was <sup>to be</sup> not allowed to 'keep  
company' or ~~have~~ receive any special  
male attention until I was 18. Dean  
treated D & me equally in school but  
studied with her evenings & spent  
Sunday P.M.s & eve. with her - ~~at school~~  
He finished Jan - Went to Ames, Iowa -  
He wrote me - Uncle Jay's death -  
class rings -



one Christ, need double runner skates  
canal or by blacksmith  
We went to Old creek to skate - ~~on~~  
I loved it - later 12 yrs old real skates -  
In winter Marian + I outside - I wanted  
to play Fox & geese or such. By the time  
we had made the track Marian would  
start crying, "I'm cold, I want to go in"

The ~~Jan~~ <sup>Jan + March</sup> ~~thaw~~ <sup>Spring</sup> + ~~Spring~~ <sup>Spring</sup> floods which  
covered the flats and necessitated  
dynamiting ice above R R Trestle were  
exciting and interesting. We would walk  
along the high side walk to view  
the water - I always became a bit dizzy  
watching it, so hung onto the railing -  
There were raised or high sidewalks  
across the lowest land both to Penny D.  
and toward Maplehurst, and spent many  
hours of time -

We all loved to play croquet. All  
three families, Pierce's, Booth's family and  
we had croquet courts.



Marian - Du Du

School Days -

I had learned at home - 7 years old - 2nd grade -

~~Mamma's friend~~

Pink chambray sailor suit.

Sneakers

Nellie Green - Mamma's friend - Miss Green -

my refusal to go - only spanking -

Leaf houses - Foxes - Pussy - Filling Wood box

Mildred Goodrich - Dorothea Francis Wood

Decoration Day -

Life around the ☐

Double runner skates

Marian - cold

Red reefers - & Stocking caps - One best

dress - one school dress - aprons -

croquet

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I <sup>always</sup> was quite clothes conscious. I remember the <sup>blue</sup> coat and hood with red ribbons which my mother made one when about four from her wedding dress - dyed ~~a~~ three and a half to four inch crocheted lace on my petticoats and blue jackets and felt hats with streamers which we had when later; then red nappies and red stocking caps for winter; a turkey red jumper to be worn with white blouse. We always had a white dress with ribbon sash & hair bows for \$3.

Best in summer and a good wool dress for winter. ~~Best~~ also a school dress.

We often but not always wore aprons to school - sometimes dainty white one, sometimes checked gingham.



// I will now return to my theme  
of ~~good~~ + Bad Times  
Winter 1899 - <sup>Baby</sup> Lewis brought disease  
very ill - Dav. - finally gained  
malted milk -

~~Sew's 5 - 1 One Sat Summer 1899~~  
~~? Lewis <sup>small 6?</sup> - Papa came home Sat AM~~  
~~lawn not mowed lawn mowed~~  
~~out of com - lost bun - Hot~~

~~temper very upset. Razor~~  
~~Strap. I was outraged but silent.~~

~~I thought for days - Foster tried~~  
~~something - Nelson all in parlor,~~  
~~Grandma written there also. Nelson~~

~~on Papa's lap beside parlor table -~~  
~~reaching - grabbed something -~~

~~Lead pencil - I ran pushed p's hand~~  
~~to took Nelson back to my seat - w -~~

~~Why Margie! Papa just looked at me -~~  
~~at me. I continued that tactic~~

~~if I just put - unjustified or too severe~~  
~~I could take a scolding to save one~~  
~~of my siblings pain.~~

Dew  
blood  
Scab

reached  
no no



The best solution decided to be —  
2/ ~~A really bad~~ it seemed a bad time to  
me when Papa had Scarlet Fever  
Ellicottville — quarantine — sent home  
on train — <sup>older school</sup> children to grandma's.  
<sup>our home</sup> quarantine for six weeks — fall —  
no income — Christmas. no money for  
gifts — We thought up gifts at no  
cost — especially for the younger children.

Papa had made — a doll hammock  
<sup>Bunt Wood</sup> crocheted from string for Eliz —

Christ — M. Watching others  
Mamma said, <sup>as soon</sup> in your stocking.

I expected nothing! — <sup>as soon</sup> for family  
Really good times earlier — part of Penn-  
sylvan Ordw.

Our really bad time <sup>as family</sup> was Fall of  
1910 thru summer 1911.

Decision to remodel — Plans  
made Workmen hired

<sup>1 waste</sup> Move stairs — build chimney — <sup>Install</sup> Bathrooms  
<sup>freez.</sup> 7 children, Mom + grandmom + Papa <sup>Week</sup>  
<sup>2nd center of house</sup> — <sup>ends</sup>

The stairway + chimney being conste-  
plastered, bath + other little  
everywhere.



3 It was then decided to install  
acetylene lights - no gas - oil lamps -  
a tank in cellar water + Carbide  
gas - pipes inside walls all  
thru house - workmen working  
at that when ~~Uncle John's~~ death -  
Papa + Uncle Jay - I just had opening  
of corner grocery store - on jury  
Back home I sick - diphtheria  
Division Since Grandpa's death  
Grand + Aunt R - Uncle Jay + 3.

Diph - diag. meant quarantine

Grandma + Aunt Bertie + 3 were  
rushed out and down to our house  
Papa + Aunt Ruby stayed - to care  
He died in a few days - buried  
stealthily in m - cem - Papa + Aunt R  
had to remain in quarantine  
for neg. cultures - 2 or 3 weeks +

The 14 of us were sort of semi-quarant  
for a few days until the report on our  
cultures was returned - all negative  
Aunt Bertie + children went to live  
with her parents when Papa + Aunt R  
were freed. Story parlor ceiling  
OVER



4/ Community  
Grandma + Aunt B. then became  
part of our family and grandmas  
house was rented. Grandma was  
an invalid, having suffered a stroke  
previously and needed Aunt B. to care  
for her. In May her mind had be-  
come quite confused by the deaths  
of Uncle John + Uncle Jay etc.

In May Grandma Norton had a  
stroke - 91. We then added a nurse  
who came in days to care for the  
two grandmas. This lasted two  
or three weeks. She died <sup>near grave</sup> in early June  
1911.

June 19 ~~Grandma~~ - Aunt G's 4th  
child, Jay was born - other folks.

The day of her funeral Miner  
made his first call riding  
his bicycle down from Friends' school  
picnic at Cuba Lake.

Soon after that Aunt Myrtle <sup>with John</sup> decided  
to come up from Oakland co and  
spend the summer with her  
mother - at our house -

That made 14 of us with Miner  
on weekends as often as he was  
allowed



14.5. Subjects  
May Toney - gym  
Religion in School  
Play in School  
Leaf house -  
Baseball - comp  
Deer house  
Playmates  
on screen - 1/2  
Playmate  
what not  
diapers  
My reaction stop  
aloud gimmer  
Place of family traditions X  
Cooking

mae P.  
Playing house  
Astoria 18  
3 little kittens  
about mae P.  
o adjectives etc.

14 Min.

School  
Kitchen  
Bar  
Bldg -  
Discipline  
Comparison  
no of pupils  
Lunch  
1956 test added  
Subjects

Playmate  
a. gimmerman  
Religion  
mae  
mother  
family - Deanna

Start under discipline - ? comp -  
may T. Religion - entered HS,  
X Playtime - comparison -  
top - games etc (2) Playmates  
Grandma Norton  
the creeks

Meaning

Family  
either Thelma Norton, mae

Another

Nov.

1 Discipline -  
May Toney  
Religion

Bar  
Sept 1901  
Ally  
think

She explained  
comparison -  
1901  
Subjects - credits  
May Toney -  
Religion  
chapel  
Jobit also  
Playtime in school  
1901

Nov.  
1901 Thelma Norton  
School house  
Discipline  
Thelma Norton  
She explained  
comparison -  
1901  
Subjects - credits  
May Toney -  
Religion  
chapel  
Jobit also  
Playtime in school  
1901



1) Return to theme of Bad times.

<sup>1899</sup> Lewis baby, Bright's disease, Dr. V.  
finally better - malted milk -

~~Nelson baby in parlor - family  
probably a Sun. P.M. - parlor table -  
pencil - grabbed him - grandma -  
papa O. I continued - the  
idea. I gladly took a coldings to  
save siblings from unjust punish-  
ment.~~

Summer Lewis about 6? Papa  
home Sat. A.M. lawn not mowed,  
mower out - etc. ~~Quick temper~~  
Lewis supposed -

Razor strap - drew blood - I  
Was outraged - I thought & thought  
Playmates asked - told them - their  
reply - This set me against Papa

This set the pattern of my  
reaction to Papa - always on  
defensive for younger children.

Only NOW - I can see



+2  
1. Return - Bad Times - 14 Nov, fall  
Papa Scarlet Fever - Ellicottville  
Quarantine - School children  
to Grandma W. Six weeks  
Not really ill - NO income - Christmas -  
Papa burnt wood - Mamma  
crooked etc Back home - Christ,  
morning look in your shoe!  
<sup>Valuable</sup> ~~Really~~ good experience - Silver Thimble - hakin  
The really bad time as a family was  
fall of 1910 through winter and  
into summer 1911 (though I graduated)  
Plans to remodel - general plan -  
Waste necessary account of cold -  
chimney stairway bath - Sewage -  
Grandma N. to Uncle Jim's for time -  
Women - tools - bath - plaster  
debris - <sup>acetylene</sup> - Uncle Jays store



Personal life in the 1900s in  
Hinsdale, N.Y.

By Marjorie Witter Scott

School - facilities, teachers, training, vacations, books, games, subjects taught.

Playmates - toys

Family life, good times and bad times, Responsibilities and discipline

Boyfriends and Girl Friends

Home - heating, plumbing etc  
brothers and sisters, discipline

Recreation - fishing & hunting



~~1. Hollister Hunt~~

Tape 2 - A

jeanting - cont'd

Pets

Holidays - reunion  
foods - customs

Birthdays

Home furnishings

utilities - toilet of acid

Privacy

back Boy & girl friends

Geo. may well

Sept 31 -

Health care

Doctors

B

Dr. Vincent

Flash light

Christmas Envelopes

Christmas Stamps -

Seals -

Squid Soap?

Marie pursued

her dream of building

~~johns religious~~

~~community~~

common house for

a religious group of

fellow believers

until framework up

roof on chimneys built

Tape 1 A

announcement -

Little - Life in the

1900s in Hinsdale, N.Y.

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School

Playmates

Family life

Home

Recreation

Boy friends & girl friends

Tape 1 B

School Vacations &

books

Good Times & bad T.

Responsibilities

Discipline

Babies asking Mama

arrival etc

Kittens born

Mama's shop -

Playmates

New Baby at Mildreds

Family Life

Parents Telephone

Home

Recreation

Boy friends & girl friends

School Vacations - books

Good Times & bad

Responsibilities & discipline



Surgeons  
Drugs + medicines  
Home Rem-  
Dentists -  
Religion + church  
Home - comm  
Paper  
pap as religion  
Marie went on  
with her plan  
for a religious  
comm. starting  
to build a large  
house, but ran

Marie pursued her dream  
of building a large house  
for a group of fellow believers  
until the framework was up  
the <sup>windows in</sup> roof and chimneys built  
for fireplaces. She received no  
cooperation funds were running  
low, so she gave up. Jews + --  
visited

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 announcement  
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 Personal life in  
 the 1900's then  
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 social days  
~~the 1900's~~ - investigation  
 Building - Facilitate  
 Picking line  
 Subjects taught it -  
 games  
 Playmates  
 days  
 Sister married



# FAMILY

I have already told you about my sister Marian.

~~I compensated for my feelings of inferiority in comparison~~

~~to her, when we were children by the fact that I was~~

~~a better student. Besides my sister Marian I had~~

~~two sisters and three brothers - Name in order -~~

~~Tell about ordering a baby - How I loved Nelson -~~

INSERT

~~Diapers on grass - singing to sleep - Maddy's little~~

~~grasshopper + Eliz - novelty worn off - she was not as~~

~~good a baby as Nelson - she but was my ideal of a~~

~~beautiful child - blue eyes + blond curls -~~

~~but I willingly assumed more and more responsibility~~

~~in caring for her as well as helping learning to do all~~

~~kinds of household chores. The winter she was two -~~

returns to me

9/11/15



So long for now. Here are (7)  
a few suggestions for topics for  
the tapes.

Love,

Jue

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a personal history of life in



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32-35 rough

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sectional maps

Recreation - croquet

Toys

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with her grandparents, diagonal-  
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being widowed was a travelling  
salesperson - as was my father~~

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after school and often helped me  
fill the Woodboy, which I must do  
before playing. We then <sup>often</sup> sometimes  
played~~

~~played paper dolls - inside~~

~~Cutting pictures of mostly <sup>scars</sup> women  
and girls <sup>scars</sup> from fashion magazines,  
or other sources. A few were colored  
in but most were black & white - These  
we colored at first <sup>we</sup> using colored  
pencils. Then Mrs Hippert found  
that one could buy wax crayons,~~



we make Valentines. I B ~~over~~  
do the "Cute Wall". She also helped  
'show' we put on. I wait until to  
~~acted off me~~ I remember one  
and artistic talent ~~of which~~  
~~some expression~~ of which

2/ My best friend until High School was  
Dorothy Hippert. She lived with her  
gr andparents, diagonally across the  
road. Her mother, being a widow, was  
a traveling salesperson, as was my father.  
She usually came to our house, right  
after school and often helped me fill the  
Woodbox, which I must do before playing

We often played Paper Dolls - We  
cut full length pictures of people  
from newspapers, magazines or  
but from Mrs. I ~~the town dress~~  
fashion magazines, Mc Calls, or  
Designer ~~or Delineator~~. The  
pictures were mostly black & white  
so we colored them to suit or to  
make different outfits. ~~at first~~  
we used colored pencils - Then  
Mrs. Hippert found that one could  
buy Wax crayons, an assortment  
of twelve colors or shades, ~~to~~ <sup>in</sup> a study  
box. Mamma bought me a box  
also. How much fun we had,  
~~then~~, producing beautiful out-  
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fits. American Beauty Rose was  
my favorite color - so many of  
my people had ~~AB~~ **FAMILY -**

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My best friend until HS  
was Dorothy Buppert, she lived



3/

## FAMILY I

From my earliest recollection my (great) grandmother Mary Pender Norton lived with us. Her daughter Ella M. Dyer was my mother's mother. When my mother was two months old Ella ~~and her~~ had dysentary and died. My mother was taken into the her maternal grandparents' (Nelson + Mary P) Norton's home and raised as their child. Her father Oscar S. Dyer died the following Feb. of an ailment due to his service in Civil War. Grand<sup>m</sup> was always an important part of our home. She rocked the babies, amused the older children and taught us Mother Goose rhymes and told us fables for our edification. She lived to be 91+ in 1911.

I <sup>(18 yrs. 8 m. 18 d.)</sup> already mentioned that my father was a traveling salesman. He sold sub. to <sup>the</sup> American Agriculturist, a farm paper. Ordinarily he was home only from Saturday to Monday a.m. He kept a driving horse + carriage. He lived to Everybody was on good behavior while he was home. I am Pater Familias - with all <sup>that</sup> that infered.



## 4 FAMILY - II

Nothing that I could write would adequately portray my mother. You will form opinions from the incidents which I relate. She was valedictorian of her class graduating in 1889. She physically rather frail but of indomitable spirit. She truly loved my father, acknowledged him always as head of the family, but knew how to influence him if she thought best. Her advice to me as to married life, was "Be wise as a serpent but harmless as dove"

Besides my sister Marian, I had two sisters and three brothers.

Marian July 1896  
Lewis April 1898

Nelson Oct 1902

Eliz Dec 1904

Sessie Apr. 1907

Mina Sept. 1908

"The homeliest baby  
I ever saw."

I was a bit  
offended

When Lewis was born I was sent up to Grandma Witters, to stay with Grandpa Aunt Ruby + Uncle Jay. Grandma took care of Mama, at our home. When I was taken home - Isn't he beautiful? - laugh



She explained to me that I had been too literal in my interpretation of her thought. We were given certain rules which we respected and obeyed. Our whole outlook was different than ~~the~~ now we had respect for authority and for property rights of others, especially adults. --- ~~the rule that Jovey was principal the~~ ~~had a rule~~ There were probably between 15 + 25

pupils in each room, seated at double desks. There was some supervision as to seat mates. Most of the pupils ~~went home~~ lived in the village, so went home for dinner. We had from 12:00 - 1:00 noon hour - Lunches <sup>often</sup> were brought in little tin pails. Some had regular lunch boxes - no thermos. But a few

pupils lived a little over a mile away, Irish, Latvian, German, 3 yrs according to demand. Credits were earned according to the no of recitations per week in each subject.   
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 3rd 1-5  
 4th 1-5  
 5th 1-5  
 given chapel.

grade pupils marched into the high school room.   
 to A march <sup>sing on</sup> someone played the organ. We then sang songs, had a scripture reading and all repeated the Lord's prayer.

Millie Green was very conscious of the evil effects of alcohol & tobacco, so

pupils always had a brief lecture on that subject, following chapel.

playtime. my most vivid memory of playtime at ~~school~~ ~~had gym~~ school is of making leaf houses. a few of us brought rakes from home and drew floor plans of imaginary houses, by raking the leaves into long narrow lines. This was under the maple trees in the town square, or park, in which both the school and church were located. I even brought a small piece of carpet from home for my sitting room.



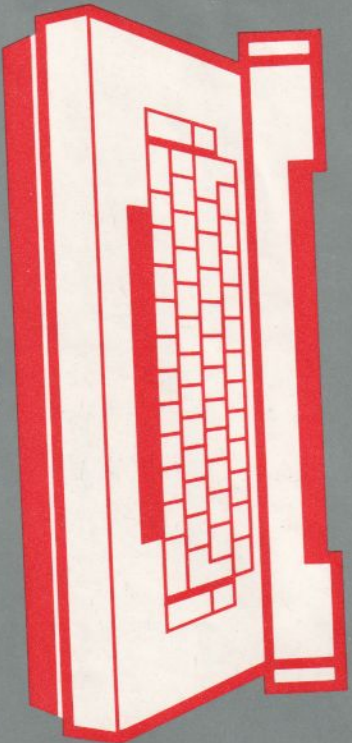




Barry, Debbie,  
Christopher, Matt

I should also mention  
the sectional maps -  
United States cut into  
pieces on State lines, N.Y.  
State on County lines. They were  
fun and also educational as  
were the spill downs on Friday P.M.

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new home. What a  
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and will spend all  
they will have dine  
Georgetown and will  
Stouffer's Hotel.

In 1906 the year I entered high  
school a fourth teacher was added: a  
preceptress, who ~~to~~ taught high school  
classes thus increasing the ~~no~~ <sup>number</sup> of number  
of subjects taught. We were offered  
four years of English + English Grammar  
Zoology, botany, physiology, physics,  
Amer. History, Ancient History  
Algebra Geom. Adv. Arith, Business  
Arith, Latin, 2 yrs, German, 3 yrs.  
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 He wrote a story  
 all at his school.  
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 We are so proud

When Max Loney was principal we ~~had gym~~

had gym - He was fresh from  
 Normal School, very enthusiastic  
 about the then modern ideas in  
 education. He taught us a polka  
 steps as an innovation in  
 Marching. This brought disapproval  
 from some parents - One boy re

days. Every morning <sup>we</sup>  
 fifteen minutes was  
 given 'chapel'. The ~~two~~  
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 leaves from home and drew floor plans of imagi-  
 nary houses by taping the leaves into long narrow  
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is tired of fiddling  
right. His invention  
competition.

In addition to  
an essay about the  
for the DAR contest  
contest.

Add all that to  
performed in, along  
you can see that he  
been busy chauffeur  
Matthew, also,  
which was selected  
He received a certificate  
school principal and  
of both of the boys

5) refused to do it because it was  
Wicked, dancing. The board of Ed-  
upheld Mr. Tourey, but the boy  
was excused from <sup>gym</sup> ~~doing it~~.

The profession of some sort of  
Christianity was accepted as the  
norm for everyone in those  
days. Every morning the first  
fifteen minutes was  
~~given~~ 'chapel'. The ~~two~~  
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lines. This was under the maple trees in the town  
square.



<sup>(1)</sup> In the <sup>FAMILY INSERT</sup> Summer of 1962 one of my  
playmates bragged about the arrival  
of a new bro. or sis. and explained to  
me about its delivery to their home -  
The mother was in the bedroom off  
the "sitting room," where older children  
were playing. Dr. V. came in with his  
little black bag - slipping out of the  
bag she saw a little leg!! The children  
were then hustled out into kitchen &  
door shut. This set me to thinking  
about the fact that we had no baby!  
My brother Lewis was four years old -  
One night when my mother came to  
settle us into bed I broached the  
subject and asked her to order a  
baby. She discussed the matter with  
me, my Aunt Ruby came and entered  
into the conversation. Mama would  
not promise. The more I argued  
the harder they laughed.

Marian & I had been promised  
that 'some night' we could go up  
and stay all night with a cousin  
who lived nearby. One P.M. when five  
over - three weeks later



came home from school Mamma  
2) was in bed and asked, "Would you  
girls like to go up and stay all night  
with Nancy? We ran to put our nighties  
in our little satchels. I said to Nancy,  
"you know, I think Mamma is going  
to get a baby. I asked her too."  
We stopped at home on our way to  
school, and sure enough, there was a  
beautiful baby brother.  
I rushed on to tell my teacher,  
relating some of the details, from  
my viewpoint. She quickly rushed  
me up. One I knew just how long  
it took to get a baby - three weeks!

How I loved that Baby, who was  
Nelson! I immediately became a  
mother's helper, turning the crank  
on the washing machine, spreading  
the diapers on the grass to bleach, and  
folding them when dry. As soon  
as he was <sup>3 or</sup> four months old I was  
allowed to rock him to sleep.  
Left the baby sitting for an evening  
under grandma's supervision -  
He slept soundly, so did I, but  
how proud & important I felt when  
my parents came home - I had done  
the job.

address  
bank away, H



Two years later, <sup>Not Sunday</sup> Summer of 1964  
our parents + Nelson had gone for  
a drive, m + s + I were left home in  
charge of grandma Norton, told to  
~~take a nap~~ rest on our beds. In  
m's and my room was a 'dressing  
table' made from a dry goods box,  
open front, one shelf, the outside  
draped with cheesecloth, over pink  
cambric. In the bottom compartment m +



6) Hunting + Fishing - neither  
my father <sup>or miney</sup> ~~neither~~ <sup>did</sup> not hunt  
or fish but Uncle <sup>whom I had admired</sup> ~~gapped~~. He was  
~~quite my role model as a man~~  
I always loved to walk out in the  
woods and over the hills. The only  
time I really went out with a  
gun was two deer hunting seasons  
when Hanna Eastman <sup>since</sup> was next door  
neighbor - One deer - ~~We bought it~~

I have already told you about my  
first success fishing - a six inch minnow.  
After my parents bought their own  
home we often fished in Olean Creek  
just a short distance - One time  
preparing tackle for several -  
Nelson - probably nine - large hook -  
a large sucker -  
after we were married - once  
by bridge - mine in car with -  
I felt sorry for him so did not try to  
fish for some years - children grown  
to Pembroke - Ollawa river - college  
N. Zumbie - <sup>my biggest - 84y 1 ke -</sup>  
~~Adapted from~~

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I always loved to walk over hill  
& dale - especially in the woods -  
my chief interest in hunting was  
contact with gang of deer hunters  
from Bflo, family friends. Deer  
season was a special time  
one year I & I bought licenses -  
two other hunters all shot - etc  
The real hunters told us -  
Fishing



To here on tape 1-13  
I think - Nelson - Family favorite -  
Elizabeth - Very sensitive, square  
mouth - Everybody sorry for her -  
Leslie - Worst problem of all -  
Run away - tied up - sit & scream  
Mama - grew like Topsy in Uncle  
Tom's Cabin. Papas - corporal punish-  
but often prayed and then apologiz-  
mama - reasoning - fit pun - to  
fault - If one bit another - bite  
one's self - little use of rewards or  
'hiring' We were expected to do  
right.

My father did not hunt or fish but  
Uncle Jay did. I think I was <sup>with</sup> born  
that desire. I have told about my 1st  
success. After we bought our home  
my friends and I loved to fish ~~also~~  
in Olean Creek. I usually took  
some of bro + sis. along. Story of  
Nelson's sucker -

In later life - hunting & fishing



7) Chains

Pets - We always had a cat -  
I remember black & white - I was 3 or 4  
playing on floor - shut cat in  
bottom cupboard of wash stand,  
banging door shut - yowling  
mama came - tail was broken  
4 in - so was cut off - bob tailed  
smooth - by hired girl, Maltese  
pitten, several years and batches  
of pittens - We saw born -  
Zickle breeches & Peter Shaper -  
Peter turned out to be a girl -  
Liger -  
Casper - for C. Blackman - was  
rented - moved to Bflo - Old age  
Grandpa had farm dogs but we  
for which were important to me -  
Running out to barn - always  
timid but would not admit  
it. When grandpa moved  
to Hsd. Mark came to our house  
I tolerated him but ~~didn't~~ <sup>didn't</sup> love  
a dog until years later in our  
own home.



8) To my brothers & s + me, in our home, several occasions which ~~could be called~~ <sup>to us were</sup> holidays.

1. Decoration Day - Wreaths - choosing partner in square - exercises <sup>Band</sup> Cal. family - list of died in army - navy - song sheets - gettysburg address march to cemetery - baseball game on flats

2. Children's Day - Speak Pieces, white dresses - pink + blue ribbons

3. Witter reunion - Bessie J. Marie A - grandpa was Pres. and had to make a speech - Children performed - Clara Jordan - Myron Witter-Kisser question to me as I grew older - Aunts in a row on porch -

1909 - Aunt Eliza - Cuba -  
1910 - Olney Scotts Adah Kellogg, Hazel Scott

4. Thanksgiving - sleighing -

1899 - 9 as - grandmas, Chicken  
Balanced meal - Uncle Jay's

Spilled Beans



5, (9) Christmas. Make gifts - Hem stitch  
outline crochet - for ~~grandma~~ +  
aunts and friends + teacher -  
Pasapartoo pictures - cut glass etc -  
Saw angel from Peices store -  
Christmas eve at church - new  
dresses - Santa - tree - some  
rec'd all of gifts - We only 1 or 2  
from parents (Santa clause NO NO -  
(Cloth' dolls - Kate + Sulu -  
Once I peeked - Bisque doll heads  
and Kid bodies. Mil died + Edna -  
Real hair. Hanging stockings all  
Family together over night for  
several years -

6, Birth days - Teakettle for Mama -  
Birthday cake - 1 gift from parents -  
my Bicycle - Bible - Flowers -  
I will leave the subject of religion  
in the home for the present  
and continue to



10/7 furnishings, as long as we  
lived on Congress St. We used  
<sup>much</sup> ~~many~~ of Grandma Norton's furniture  
In her parlor I will remember  
the Bussels <sup>Red Roses</sup> Wall to Wall carpeting  
drop leaf cherry table with red  
damask <sup>fringed</sup> cloth. In our par, what  
not, couch, bed room suite  
can mahogany drop leaf - cane  
seated chairs, boston rocker -  
red velvet drapes - doorway -  
old melodion, organ. In  
kitchen Oak dining table - extension  
mama had bought teaching 1 step  
of married life - Oak dining  
chairs. (III)  
after we moved into whole of  
gr. W.'s house buying - Ingrain  
parlor carpet - 3 piece set - not  
upholstered, parlor table + lamp -  
molded already.  
golden oak dining chairs



11) I have told of the dressing table  
in m + my room - home made -  
mother made curtains, hemmed  
sheets (2 widths) pillow cases,  
other household linens. I also  
remember a small nail keg,  
made into a child's low chair, padded  
and covered with red ~~material~~ velvet,  
at first our only fuel was  
wood for both -  
about 1902 they bought a  
coal + wood range, reservoir,  
large oven - ash pan, warming  
oven - what luxury!

I think it was later - Around 1904 -  
we grew up around these -  
For lights - Kerosene - routine  
filling, cleaning, trimming, polish-  
ing chimneys - using care - 1911  
Water Service - <sup>congress</sup> - <sup>acetylene</sup> 1911  
Willy Windlass  
to bucket - Outdoor toilet -  
Mayon - Spring - pitcher pump -  
Hinsdale - Well to running water -  
Woodson



12) own home - running water - Iron  
sink + drain -

1911 - Bathroom, sewage system -  
as to privacy - I would say "always  
"good" - never more than two of  
the same sex and close age to-  
gether in a fair sized bedroom  
with bed, dresser, Wash stand, toilet  
facilities and table. Light enough  
for reading. The rooms were  
comfortably heated by stovepipes or  
<sup>registers</sup> a small stove.

Boy friends - <sup>Geo. Maxwell</sup> Lloyd Weaver,  
Edward - Dean - Casper - Hosea

girl friends - Mildred G. - Dorothea, <sup>mae</sup> Elodine  
Nova G. - Maplehurst girls -

Sewer's 13 when I left - Nelson always  
popular.



from earliest — Dr. V — The Doctor — trusting  
himself to pat — within radius of several miles —  
He delivered Babies made house calls any  
time — pay or not — The balance of each  
day in office — Surgery — cut foot — bones —  
grandma — We lived across — Steps up  
to porch — my relief — Small pharmacy — my  
active in civic affairs — Sickness — concern —  
Death — Cancer of liver — No Success —

Dr. Happle — In office — Eliz.  
Dr. Morris — etc







My first schooling was in my mother's kitchen ~~of the house on~~ Cong st built by my gf Nort - about 1850. There I learned my letters & how to sp ~~my name~~ ~~When my mother~~ ~~called out from~~ My mother cut out the large colored letters from ~~pay~~ heavy papa flour - - When she was teaching me to spell my name she told me to lay down M A R J - NO J is Uncle Jay. I was quite insistent that it was not part of my name. This was when I was four years old.

My lessons continued at home, after we moved to Kinsale. My mother ~~had~~ taught school ~~what was called a~~ <sup>1st</sup> first grade certificate equal at that time to what is now a teacher's college graduation <sup>my mother</sup> was a qualified teacher, having grad H.S. & taught successfully taught for 2 years

Story about BEN



1A) Outside of school, ~~also~~, playtime or recreation was quite different when I was young, than it is today -

Most families had a few standard toys; a wagon or cart, a sled, marbles, at least one ball, dolls and one or two games; authors, old maid, domino

Otherwise we thought up things to do. We often played school, travelling by train or street car, house etc. Stage props and sound effects were improvised.

In the summer croquet was universally popular -



Jim 4:47 PM

Intro-

School

Kitchen

Ben

Sept 1901

Bldg-

Teachers

Writing-

Discipline

Gen. attitude

Seating - 4:54

noon hour

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Chapel

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Playtime

leaf houses-

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Robbins 6:35

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Cape Walk

Valentines

Dorothea

Woodbox

Paper dolls-

Color crayons.

Beauty Rose

1902

Order baby

Baby brother

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Kittens 6:45

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toys, games, friends, the

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**FAMILY H**  
We kept our underwear. We had a  
maltese tabby cat which had been  
on the bed with us, but was restless so  
we put her down in there on our under-  
wear, pulled the drapes shut and went  
back to lie down - a few minutes  
later we heard a "meowow" and  
rushed over and saw a family  
of four or five kittens born. We  
had called Lewis, so all three saw  
it. We were so excited! We called  
down stairs and told grandma that  
"smooth" had kittens. When mama  
came home she met her at the door  
and in a shocked voice told her  
that we had seen the kittens born -  
leaders in thought in child train-  
ing were just beginning to recommend  
teaching children the facts of life at  
an earlier age. Mama had already  
decided that it was time, for Marion  
and me, so she took us aside  
and explained that babies came

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Came the same way and that  
she was carrying another  
baby - which turned out to be  
Elizabeth. She also warned us  
that it was a secret in our family  
because not all mothers told their  
children about such things.

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Elizabeth was not as good a  
baby as Nelson had been, but was  
my ideal of a beautiful child!  
Blue eyes, blond curls, will-  
ingly assumed more and more  
responsibility in caring for her  
as well as learning to do all kinds  
of household chores. The  
winter she was two

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~~11~~ 10 Mamma took her and Nelson and I went up to Blo. to Aunt  
Nell's to do Christmas shopping. Marian Lewis & I, of  
course, were in school. ~~The other two~~ <sup>M + L</sup> and the house were  
left in my charge. We went across the road to sleep at  
a friend of mamma's. I will remember Saturday - <sup>Easy - macaroni</sup>  
The Quarter of Beef - concern - thaw - so I made mince  
meat - six 2 qt. butter crocks - Mamma was quite  
surprised when she came home, but commended me  
highly as she did later the next spring after Leslie  
was born. She ~~her~~ health was miserable all the time  
she was carrying him and she said to me that  
she did not know how she could have managed  
without ~~my~~ dependability. <sup>I had 4 opposite neighbors</sup> This helped me overcome  
the feeling of inferiority that I had had when small -  
By the time <sup>my</sup> ~~mine~~ <sup>day</sup> arrived I was an adolescent,  
a sophomore in H.S. interested in the boys, full of  
romantic ideas and had my own <sup>thoughts</sup> ~~ideas~~ about large  
families.



the 1900's in Herkandall, N.Y. by  
Marjorie Witter Scott.

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X School — length of school day, year,  
number of classmates, how far  
they traveled to school, vacations,  
carried lunch ~~at~~ what home, high  
school, subjects taught, religion.  
in school, books used

X Teachers — their age, education, discipline  
Playtime — toys, games, friends, the  
creek



2/

grandpa W - Baptist church - often  
Went there with him. Maplehurst.  
~~and~~ countryside divided. Coop  
in somethings - W.C.T.U -  
Very few Catholics - respected  
by most, but some radical - con-  
demned - Practically all except  
Catholic children in Sunday school -  
~~The M.E. church really was the~~  
Episcopalians - deed + use of  
church for time - social class -  
The M.E. church center of social life  
in Hinsdale. Suppers, entertain-  
ments

### Mama Cooperative

Halloween Hunts sponsored  
Kissing games  
Church Suppers - at homes or  
church. 10¢ - Chicken + biscuit -  
baked beans + scalloped potato  
Brown bread, ~~off~~ Mary Wood W.C. Cake  
Coffee - big kettle -  
Halloween -  
Entertainments



5/2 Shock to Hindsdale  
have now come to the general  
reading of Home - I have already  
told ~~much~~ some about ~~our~~ resp  
our responsibilities and discipline.  
Each child as soon as able was  
given certain chores, working  
~~together as a unit~~, the older ones  
watching out for the younger,  
at all times, working as a family.  
Each child required a different  
method of discipline. Mamma  
would say to me "Good little -

My aim was to be - In's same  
basic motivation lasted until  
after my mother's death, when  
I was 24 yrs old -

Marian, with her charming ways  
usually did pretty much as she  
wished - She 'helped' me with  
dishes, bed making etc etc -

Few's was given heavy respon-  
sibilities, early - the laundry then  
care & milking of cow. Obedient  
dependable



## Church + Religion

are many scenes  
among earliest recollections -  
church - M. E. S. S. - <sup>Primary</sup> Teacher - Pennies -  
Picture Cards - golden text - at  
home - at the cross - Prayers - now -  
Bible reading - Hittites - etc. Book of  
Bible Stories - well loved - junior  
League - Mildred P. Luterer's  
Mildred's Wedding - Mary Calkins  
Anti Cant Club -

Revivals - no pressure on me  
because Mama - 12 or 14 yrs old -  
Pap's rededication - Mon. a. m.  
Prep. for ministry. Mama steadfast  
to her beliefs but cooperative Papa -  
gradual withdrawal from M. E.

Finding Dal. 1 studies - ? contact  
garraings - gradual etc  
S S at home - Forbidden M. E. -  
I resented but ~~obeyed~~ learned  
to tolerate and keep my mouth  
shut



## 5) Home Remedies.

For respiratory infection or other inflammation, turpentine + laud,  
onion poultice, mustard plaster

Cough - onion Syrup, lemon  
juice, honey + melted butter, or  
Vinegar molasses + melted butter -

General Tonic - Squaw Vine, Boneset  
tea, Sulphur + molasses, cod liver  
oil, cold baths, asophtetica

I must also - Indian Poultices -

## Dentists -

Taught to clean our teeth with salt  
or Soda - I preferred salt -

Then Cal. Perfume Co - Avon - Tooth  
soap - Never to dentist until after  
marriage - checked + cleaned very  
little else to be done - Regular  
6 mo check-ups for self + family  
Dr. Lawrence Shaner for years -  
now have partial upper + lower -



4)

We knew that sometimes someone had surgery, but I knew little about it until about 1908 when Mrs. G- tumor removed - She went to Hosp. in Olean - <sup>partially</sup> recovered but did not live long thereafter.

Soon - tonsils + adenoids - Surgeons came to home, operated on kitchen table -

My first experience with hospitals was Feb. 1914 when I was taken into Higgins Mem. now Ol. Gen - my relief - kept my milk - a very good ~~ex~~ introduction. Continued to favor hospital care -

In his Olan. Dr. V. mixed his own prescriptions - for refill return bottle if liquid - He kept records so refills were possible but not as general as now Quinine, Calomel, Santalin powder Compound Cath - Beef Iron + Wine, Pat. Med - Smith Bros. Cough drops, Lydia Pinkham's Veg. Comp. Medicine Men Shows - OVER.  
Dr. Williams Pink Pills



General

Home remedies: Squaw Vine

~~turpentine and laid, mustard plaster,~~

~~onion poultice, cold baths~~

~~castor oil, cod liver oil, boneset~~

~~(Indian herb poultice)~~

~~tea, fatty sulphur & molasses,~~

~~onion soup, lemon juice & <sup>better</sup> honey,~~

Vinegar & molasses -

stump



Narrow porch across  
front of office bldg  
steps leading up to it.  
~~One could peek into~~  
~~a dark~~ behind the  
steps under the porch-  
~~at the~~ My early be-  
lief was that babies  
slid down from  
heaven on a moon  
beam.

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The space under  
porch seemed very  
mysterious to me  
My belief



I would now like to finish the story of my father's religion. One of the fundamentals of their belief was that the 'present evil age' would end by or before Oct. 1, 1914. W.W.F. did begin in Aug. 1914. The true believers were to be "glorified" by that time. As time passed it became apparent that there had been some miscalculation.

<sup>still trusted.</sup>  
~~After~~ In 1916 Pastor Russel died. He was the author of 6 Vol. Studies - , revered leader and pres. of the corporation which owned the printing plant where all let. was published and <sup>also</sup> the Bible House where the itinerant preachers, called Pilgrim Bros. and their wives lived -

Pandemonium broke loose!  
~~among the itinerant preachers!~~  
Their leader was gone! Each one of them wished to be leader. Power struggle ensued -



Pandemonium broke loose in  
~~head~~ Bible House in Brooklyn where  
the itinerant preachers called  
Pilgrim Bros. lived and where the  
2-6 Vol. Studies had been printed.  
They were supposed to all be  
glorified together! The leader was  
gone. ~~Each~~ A power struggle  
ensued. 7121

2) One of the Pilgrim brothers was a  
lawyer and <sup>also</sup> judge and understand a  
judge. He had the knowledge and  
the power to get possession of the  
property. Five or six of the others  
started their own splinter groups.  
Papa ~~st~~ putting out printed matter  
etc. Papa studied all and after  
some time selected Paul Johnson,  
an English Jew, as the best. He  
had quite a following, published  
a magazine and tracts and held  
conventions. He preached my  
mother's funeral sermon a



a guest in Papa's home at the time.

~~Time - Oct 1914 - 3 1/2 yrs - 1/2 of T+T+I~~

~~Papa's attitude mama's death. 1918~~

~~Papa & Nellie - devout Johnson?~~

~~Elizabeth also, not Nelson & Leslie~~

~~Toledo convention - Marie -~~

~~Marriage - still expecting - Survey -~~

~~move to Georgia Natl Forest - Death -~~

37 There was also a coincidence about the date of mama's death. There is a prophecy about an interval of seven years, divided in half 3 1/2 yrs at the time of the end."

My mother died in April 1918 ~~from~~ <sup>from</sup> Oct '14

three and 1/2 yrs -

My father believed that she was one of the elect' ~~and thus~~

~~died there~~. He felt that he had

failed to merit the greatest prize but still was faithful to his

~~to~~ belief. My father remarried,

~~Nellie - converted + faithful to~~  
~~Died following child birth~~

2:19 - Religion 2:30 - 2:40 - Paper 2:54 - 57



4) After a time he remarried,  
Nellie Stockin, A.V. who was a wonder-  
ful mother to the ~~three~~<sup>four</sup> younger  
children who were at home.  
She was converted and loyal to  
his beliefs. Their marriage  
lasted only about four years. She  
died, ~~follo~~ of an embolism following  
childbirth. The child also died soon  
after.

Later Papa attended conv. in  
Toledo Ohio, met Marie quite a not-  
a spinster of some means. She wanted  
a husband so they were married.  
A Bible ~~prop~~ verse from New T.  
advises, "When you see all these  
things come to pass, flee to the hills."  
She was even more positive than  
my father. Accordingly, when he  
was no longer able to work, they 'fled'  
to the National Forest in Georgia -  
started a home but Papa died  
of heart attack - Fall of 1931



Intro On the first 3 tapes I have  
pretty well covered the  
main events in my life.  
Joe's outline now asks  
me to turn to a more  
historical <sup>49</sup> viewpoint --  
all in Hinsdale 7.27  
and my personal  
experience

I will first take  
higher education --  
its availability, career  
choices for men and for  
women and then  
local perceptions of  
bigotry, sin, alcoholism  
etc.

U.S.A.  
14760  
Marjorie  
219 Eden Hgts.  
P.O. Box 563,  
Olean, New York.



1. There was also Westbrook Commercial Academy in Olean which trained in business and secretarial skills.

(Perception - understanding - ideas re-  
local

obstinate to cause or creed  
Bigotry - illiberal - intolerant - esp. religion  
2. Bigots in any religion - organization  
opposed to Catholicism - papism  
Labor unions - W.C.T.U. - Womens rights

Country town - conservative <sup>2 or 3 covers several</sup> Bigots

now ① See astro for local perceptions of  
About thoughts, ideals, ideals. I have been  
a thinking person for 85 years - This is  
difficult, but I'll try to analyse and  
compare as best I can -

- 4 - Alcoholism - ~~Drunk~~ <sup>part 2</sup> Drunkenness?  
W.C.T.U. - medical - prohibition - repeal -  
Personal matter - disease - public help - Sympathy  
5 - We can not legislate morality - adultery - Divorce  
6. Develop need of ethical & moral standards  
6. Socialism  
7. also under Bigotry ② minorities immigration



## 1) Higher Education

at the turn of the century  
8th grade - everyone. Hinsdale  
& Maplehurst & all large school  
districts - high school subjects -  
Fredonia Normal - expense nominal,  
many opportunities to earn B & R -  
Alfred Univ. <sup>B.A.</sup> Both these for teach-  
ing or foundation for other  
professional training.

many of  
The smaller colleges were co ed -  
universities ~~were often for men~~  
~~only and some for women only.~~  
and larger colleges more apt  
to be for men or women only.

There were also denominational  
schools for educating priests,  
pastors and church leaders.

St. Bonaventure and Colgate Rochester  
started early. During the  
middle years of the century  
many Evangelical Fundamentalist  
groups started their own ~~of these~~  
schools - Oral Roberts is one.

\* ~~Centralized schools~~ ~~Boces~~ ~~A.A. schools~~



## 2-A Centralization.

In the 1920 the idea of Centralization began to be agitated by the State Dist of Education. We first heard of it thru the Grange. I was appointed delegate to go to a meeting in Buffalo where the idea was presented and explained. The Grange favored the idea and worked with our Dist, <sup>State</sup> Super to promote it.

Howard Crosby, who was by then Hinsdale's chief employer, & pres. school board ~~joined~~ <sup>also</sup> one of the largest taxpayers, joined the fight and it could be called a fight - many, for various reasons, said it just couldn't be done, and taxes? About 1930, H's school Dist no 2 voted to centralize, build a school house by busses, hire more teachers and otherwise com-



4)ply with State requirements. This  
getting in on the ground floor was  
of great value to Hinsdale, starting  
with a nucleus of rural districts and  
gradually drawing others from Olean  
portville, Cuba, Ischua. The greatest  
amount of credit, I'm sure, should  
go to Howard Crosby. He worked un-  
tiringly ~~for the~~ for the good of comm.

Education of women

Educational opportunities increased  
rapidly all through the 1900s. Ag  
Schools were established early. Later  
came Boies and other plans whereby  
one could learn a trade or a skill

To 2- The cost of -

~~Careers - They could also be~~  
~~a woman could also be a Secretary,~~  
~~telephone operator, nurse, House keeper,~~  
~~Sales person or just a hired girl - a~~  
~~household worker -~~

Some were born school teachers



2) Cost of education has doubled  
quadrupled during recent years, but  
early in century almost any ~~on~~  
person of intelligence and determi-  
nation, could attain a chosen  
goal.

*Larger Univ.*  
Centralization  
*Careers-*

When I was young the most  
popular career for women was  
marriage, motherhood and home-  
making. Any other employment  
~~was, hopefully, only temporary.~~ *Some*

*2* ~~we were born school teachers~~ *B* ~~Grandma~~  
~~mother - taught 16 terms, very success-  
ful. She was engaged for seven  
years to my Grandfather, N. D. N.  
By mutual consent their marriage  
was delayed until he was thoroughly  
established in the business world -  
a general store in Vinodale, N.Y.  
after marriage she continued  
to be most interested in books.  
She was no housekeeper or by~~



~~2~~ ~~A~~ Any other employment  
was, hopefully, only temporary.  
A woman could also be a  
secretary, telephone operator,  
nurse, housekeeper, sales person  
or just a 'hired girl', household  
worker.

My grandma Norton, it seems  
was perhaps a born school teacher.  
She taught, very successfully  
for 16 terms. She was engaged  
for seven years to be married

to my grandfather, N. J. Norton.  
By mutual consent their marriage  
was delayed until he was thoroughly  
established in the business world, a  
general store in Hinsdale. After marriage  
she continued to be most interested  
in books. She was no housekeeper or  
by



3 Nurses Secretary Housekeeper, also person

What I have been told, home-maker! My grandfather built a second upright on to their upright and wing home for his personal use - as supervisor, Justice of Peace, other political offices - business.

Gifted women chose careers according to their ability; in the entertainment world, art, literature, music. The (2)

opportunities for them have steadily increased. This is true also for colored, both men and women.

Central Schools

For men, early career choices were: Farming, especially for sons of prosperous land owners; business or merchant and <sup>professionally</sup> lawyer, ~~and~~ <sup>engineer</sup> - Army or Service -

Bases

NO W-

4 min

World War I opened labor to women



① <sup>the 19th cent</sup>  
The labor and career  
situation has  
constantly changed  
~~as well as education~~  
~~preparation~~  
Like everything  
else, the opportunities  
in career selection  
have changed all  
through the century.

World War I opened  
the doors of labor  
to women and  
increased education  
made everyone  
more competent.

Now previously  
unheard of things:  
The electronic age  
has so changed  
all our concepts



② that children in school learn by computer, and practically all business is carried on by computer.

It is all really beyond me to discuss present job opportunities.

There is less call for labor and more call for know-how and understanding.

The fact that I am able to record onto tapes still sort of foggles my mind, although I think it has been a worth while experience.



(3) and I have ~~discovered~~  
~~that~~ proven that you  
can teach an old  
dog new tricks.  
#

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Katherine Brown



2) Helma - uncomplicated - healthy - lots  
of black hair -  
gained <sup>some</sup> perspective. Converted modern meth-  
registered her Little Baby Club - monthly Inst-  
Sucking - Bottle - result according to  
Psychologist, years later -

Anna Belle May 1918. That summer -  
Mama had died - We adjusted our own  
differences -

mine's mail route - Finances



**Mutual  
of Omaha**

People you can count on...  
**Group Operation**

Mutual of Omaha Insurance Company  
Home Office: Omaha, Nebraska

(Pride or Prig. I knew from  
reading ~~novels~~ <sup>stories</sup> that I was  
missing something)

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3) Constant change ~~from~~, faster  
after World War I - ~~Higher~~ More  
and more people were able to  
attain higher education. Trade  
~~centralized schools~~ - B O C E S etc - Culture?

Now - confusion -

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Women Careers -

Very little consideration before 25 yrs -

Sales persons - etc

Labor Force W. W. I - Open doors  
to all careers now. Success in  
most



It is really beyond me to dis-  
~~cross~~ ~~Career opportunities~~ Now.

<sup>P.3</sup> ~~#~~ cross present job opportunities -

~~#~~ I have grand sons working with  
all sorts of electronic equipment, ~~to~~  
which I can not comprehend in  
America and Asia, Saudi Arabia,  
I am in Coast Guard and if it  
would be called a career, those  
with Wycliffe in Afghanistan,  
Pakistan, Brazil and Philippines



Though she lived a little less than 1 year

The time when ~~Anna Belle~~ <sup>she</sup> was a baby was

one of the happiest of my life -

mine - mail - reg. income, home <sup>because on due</sup> down decisions

~~because mama had died~~ <sup>that</sup> it was better for relationship

Doing mine made the garden - cell I did spring

1918 was be M + W. Memory - <sup>asleep -</sup> Droning

Thinking - Lovers.

Dressing - up to Father's house -



1) albumen in my urine - diet -

Went to Dr. Batt - Conformed to his advice -

<sup>28th</sup> I woke up Wed. A.M. pain - <sup>mine came</sup> intermittent  
up & down stairs - hot sitz baths -

→ Howard was born 6:00 A.M. Sat - convulsions  
Mama midwife - hired girl for housework -

Reg. nurse for ten days - Dr. Mountain  
& hospital - by Eric.

In the spring we rented the down-  
stairs of the ~~2nd~~<sup>4th</sup> house up the street.  
1914. We lived there about 2 yrs -

as wife - disappointment to M. He was  
loyal & very patient with my moods.

as a mother - devoted - followed ~~her~~  
mother's child care methods. Marian

& Mama much help -

Gradual improvement - 1916 pregnant  
again. ~~Delighted~~ ~~Miner~~ I was ~~all~~ happy

preparing lovely clothes for my little girl -  
~~For~~ all faith & optimism. Miner

was much concerned as to my health -

~~I failed him in a way I fell short of~~  
<sup>my duty as a</sup>  
~~being a perfect~~ wife, her also. Mama

emphasized with both of us -

What a wonderful mother she was!



1. Another way in which I have  
shown my basic appreciation of  
nature and all her ways is through  
my interest in ~~and~~ all grow-  
ing vegetation. Early memories  
include roaming the woods &  
fields with Aunt Ruby- over

Page 3 B min  
Last 10 min



finding where different things grew -  
trailing arbutus, hepaticas, blood  
root, Violets, purple & yellow

meadow plant - white & pink  
& above soft pine moss & blue  
over - plant that is white



1/ My enjoyment of growing things -  
Aunt Ruby trailing arbutus -  
Bloodroot - roadside going home -  
Grandma's rose geranium - pick a  
leaf - rub in hands - scent roses -  
~~School contest - first to bring in -~~  
fill over the ground -  
myrtle - under locust tree - I was  
also very conscious of our soft maple.  
red blooms - grandpa's <sup>Salma</sup> & <sup>St. pine</sup> <sup>top</sup> <sup>up</sup>  
Violets - Wood's flats - Norton -  
Papa came after us - home to re-  
make bed - Spearmint + peppermint  
later - Seeks, water cress cow slips  
by creek - up on farm -

I was fascinated to watch Papa plant  
early veg - lettuce, radish, onion. When  
~~the~~ quite young - I soon planted  
morning glories along porch in Hinsdale  
when 7 or 8 - From then on I usually  
had a small - more and more garden,  
always <sup>usually</sup> carefully working up the soil,  
with my hands before planting.  
~~At Alfred~~ <sup>Batany</sup> ~~geology~~ 1st up high  
Field hips -



2) These field trips gave me a back-ground of info. which I have used ever since enjoying walks or rides the great outdoors.

rides the great outdoors.  
In Alfred I had instruction in  
gardening, insect pests and landscape  
gardening all of which I used as  
soon as we had a place of our own -  
~~my nature eng~~ learned

On these field trips we learned to identify families of plants by leaf formations, parts of flower - seeds etc.



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## Maple Syrup -

One of my <sup>very happy</sup> ~~early~~ memories is of Grandpa Witter taking me with him to the sugar bush - a grove of maple trees, way back up on the hill. We would have ridden on either a bob sled or a stone boat, horse drawn - ~~I think~~ - ~~later in season~~ - There is something about being out in the open spaces, in contact with nature, when the seasons are changing, which still would thrill me. As soon as we arrived at the scene of action I was allowed to run around and peek into the sap buckets, have a drink of sap and then watch the process. There was a ~~stone~~ flat pan perhaps 4' x 8' sitting on a stone arch, <sup>same size</sup> partly filled with boiling



2) liquid. It is necessary to boil away 40-50 gallons of water to produce one gallon of maple syrup. In a good 'run' of sap it was ~~often~~ sometimes necessary to boil day and night to take care of it. The fire was fed from the open end of the arch. Keeping a good supply of cut wood at hand was an important part of the process.

By this experience I was 'conditioned' so that in the Spring of 1927, after we had purchased the Will Gile farms including a sugar bush and equipment, I just had to take my 18 mo. Dick, the horse and wagon and go up the hill.



3) my operation was crude - I just gathered up dead branches for fuel. There was already a shed to house the equip - so we had shelter if it stormed but the arch was out in the open. I fixed a bed in a storage tank, lying on its side for Dick to take his nap -

Miner always came and helped me when he was through with the mail, but I was the one who wanted to do it, the driving force to carry on, year by year, enlarging

the operation until we had modern equipment and regular customers for syrup -

Dozens of people shared that special joy with me and it is a link with them still -

Card Betty Redding.

Quartz

Mountain  
3000 ft



4) <sup>maple-</sup>  
<sup>children,</sup>  
my grandchildren, nieces and  
nephews and many others spent  
happy and learning times with  
me - in the sugar-bush -

I received a card today from a  
war time girl friend of David's  
who spent one night with me  
there. She was remembering me  
now, because of that night of  
companionship tending fire to  
boil sap.

After the sugar house was built  
I had it fixed up "with all the  
comforts of home" - a work bench  
with straw tick and blanket to  
make a bed - boxes nailed up  
in the corner to hold dishes and  
and ~~some food~~ <sup>sup-</sup> and tools. We boiled  
eggs in the sap, baked potatoes  
in the ashes in ash pit, and  
made stews etc in covered iron  
skillet under the fire - ash pit -  
The sugar house was built



San Comello Project



✓  
Sue Covello project. 3/15/89  
Part of letter received last March from Sue -

"I have some very important work for you to do, in the months to come."

Package includes tape of her parents (Nelson & Carol) grandparents and brother in 1955, and other "Tapes of stories told by my maternal grandmother's sister, Amy Mayo" also all supplies and equipment to make eight, 96 minute tapes and mail them back to her. (Sue) ———

"We have Amy's ~~tapes~~ stories about times we never knew. Nothing would make us happier than to have your stories, too."

There follows directions about tape recorder and the offer to make copies for any of my family who wished them, and send them back to whoever. Balance of letter personal.



2/

"Here are a few suggestions for topics for the tapes."

Long Sue.

A personal history of life in the  
1900's in Hinsdale, N.Y. by  
Marjorie Witter Scott -

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<sup>School</sup>  
School - length of day, year,  
no. of classmates, how far travelled to  
school, vacations, lunch - home or  
carried, high school subjects taught,  
religion in school, books used:  
Teachers - age, education, discipline  
Play time - Toys, games, friends  
the creek.

Brothers & Sisters good times and  
bad -

Home responsibilities, disciplining

Pets, hunting fishing

Holidays - special foods - get together

Church - Role in community life

Religion at home -



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The rest of the 'suggestions,' two pages are more along the line of philosophy - the effect of different changes on society, and the reactions of different people.

I would like to at least start this project. I do not think I could do it without help, and I know of no free help available. Thelma feels that it is not "To the glory of God," and would not want to support it in any degree. I will not undertake it, unless you <sup>3</sup> sons approve. Please consider carefully. You may read the whole letter if here. It is ten 8 1/2 x 11 in sheets.

You may also hear <sup>the</sup> Amy's Tapes and judge the equipment.



Personal life in Hinsdale, N.Y.  
in 1900s by Marjorie Witter  
Scott

School - Facilities - Teachers,  
Training, discipline, Sub-  
jects taught, games  
Playmates - Toys

Family life -

Home - heating, plumbing etc  
brothers + sisters - discipline

Trips ~~to~~

Adolescence?

Boy Friends - girl Friends

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Announcement - Aug 31



School Vacations + Books

Fishing + Hunting

Family Good Times + Bad Times

Responsibilities + Discipline



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Baby clothes

A

albumen

H. Bon

Hospital

Flyte house

Julma

Anna Belle

Happiness

15 min.

Wedding clothes

Shower - quiet.

wedding -

7:25

Honey moon

first abode

Miss Woods -

job -

friendship 1913

To Kinsdale

Baby clothes

13 min.

Wedding?

Honey moon -

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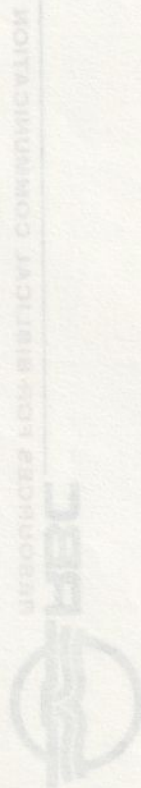


2) A) To prepare for a profession  
other than teaching, a degree  
from a larger university was  
usually required. This was  
more expensive, but still

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DEAR FRIEND IN CHRIST:





5) of new lumber, boarded up,

This gave us plenty of space to write, any message we wished. Each different party of visitors usually wrote up something special.

When the Suga house was being built I had broken my nose riding down the hill on my belly on the

• I ran into a tree! Written on the wall, expect it still says "Marjorie bets Fred (Bile) that she will still ride down the full belly kee bunk, forty years from now, when she will be eighty six years old." But I didn't!

One of the most sacred Mt. Top exp. of my life was an Easter a.m. I had boiled alone all night, went outside as day dawned - looking to the east - my heart filled with worship & adoration. 5 min



It is now the 23rd  
of March, 1990. I've  
been very slow  
in recording these  
tapes. The electronic  
age is just beyond  
me. I could not  
have done it  
except for the  
help of my  
wonderful friend  
and former  
neighbor... I now  
want to finish  
this third tape.  
I have thought  
long and  
seriously about  
my personality.  
Perhaps it would  
be more accurate  
to consider  
independence



as my outstanding  
trip. It is still  
~~difficult~~ for me to  
accept gracefully  
the many favors  
which are  
given me.

Now I would like to  
Recalling the  
past memories



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1) Concepts as a ~~personality~~  
my deep religious belief in  
the basic teachings of Christianity -  
'That God so loved the world that  
he gave his only begotten son' was  
given me by my parents, SS teachers  
and school teachers.

Next to that I think that Deter-  
mination - Very strong will  
is my strongest trait. This can  
be either good or bad - Each one  
~~person chooses~~ It can be just  
plain stubbornness, of which I  
have ~~of~~ often been guilty. ~~I~~  
on the other hand it can be  
the God given power by which  
we soar. It is by using these  
natural tendencies that we develop  
our personalities.

I think my first concept of myself  
as a person, was that I was, "a good  
little girl. Very soon came the idea  
that I was physically inferior to my  
sister, Marian. This I accepted  
philosophically. When I went to school



2) I gained confidence, because I  
could compete scholastically.  
I then tended to become self right-  
priggish. I remember - I made  
some derogatory remark to some-  
one in Mama's presence. She  
corrected me. <sup>Blunt</sup> It is the  
truth! She - The truth -  
That gave me much food for  
thought. ~~I hope I profited.~~ as  
the years passed I became  
more and more tolerant and  
have had to accept many  
facts re my own family which  
75 yrs ago would have been  
soundly condemned - Today, I  
love people, love to share their  
experiences and try to analyze  
them. More flies have been caught.  
I read Positive Thinking



3) By N.V. Peale when it first came out. He/His principles along with St. Paul's advice - Whatever things are of good report, if there be any virtue or any praise - think on these things have been <sup>guide</sup> a ~~never~~ <sup>guide</sup> stick to me ever since.

I am generous with time and effort but frugal in money matters.

I love to entertain - I always enjoyed making <sup>gifts - great grandma</sup> Christmas presents or <sup>with</sup>

Through the years I have usually appeared calm, sometimes phlegmatic on the surface but have always had deep emotions inside - love and sympathy and also ~~an~~ anger if anyone was wronged - ~~slow to react~~.  
That is why ~~slow~~ I would interfere turning my father's anger to



4) myself. If I thought he was being harsh with one of the younger children -

There was one incident <sup>1914</sup> occurred ~~some time~~ after I was married and away from home. We were in the Flyte House, just up the street. The Methodist I did not have as good laundry facilities so brought my family laundry down to my mother's to do.

The M.E. Church was holding Revival meetings. My father was concerned, because I had boarded the evangelist and Marian Mama had allowed Marian to attend the meetings, which were critical of Papas belief.



1) First concept as person - good little girl  
physically less att. than Marian  
philosophically - as I went to school  
I could compete with those older -  
so I gained confidence - self respect -  
marian + I different personalities -

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~~It is proper pride, self respect, which  
has from Guideposts Pride is a feeling  
of contentment in who you are  
as God made you, a value that  
honors His work. If one can reach  
this attitude, at the same time avoid-  
ing self conceit and keeping in  
tune with the infinite, he can  
avoiding self conceit, he can make  
progress. I just assumed that I  
could do whatever - I determined  
sometimes stubborn,  
I read Power of Pos. Think - by HVP  
first out. This along with  
became a guide to me -  
whatever things of good report -~~



5) The scene is: ~~Papa~~ The family at dinner table, our Aunt Bertie a guest. I was doing laundry in the kitchen. Papa was considering going out calling on people to defend his beliefs. He turned to Marian and began criticizing her for attending meetings and bore on very hard. Aunt Bertie spoke up in Marian's defense. Of course I was listening. When I had heard enough, I grabbed the dishpan, ~~for~~ dipped it in the rinse water and took it in dining room and doused my father. -  
Mama said, "Why Mayorie!"



6) Then silence.

Both M & P left the table and went in the bedroom -

In a few minutes they came back to the table, Papa apologized to Aunt Hattie and Marian for losing his temper - asked their forgiveness. That is the kind of man my father was.

5 min to her

I am romantic. I like to read a good clean romance or to dream up imaginary ones.

The beautiful companionship which developed after between Bill McElure and me, after we were both <sup>past</sup> ninety years old, satisfied my romantic longings.

(We agreed from the first that  
~~Kanaka~~ ~~dear~~



7) neither of us was interested in remarriage. We both had ~~over~~ maintaining our own homes <sup>income,</sup> and had children, and ~~some~~ <sup>income</sup> some property.

He was very depressed, having <sup>recently</sup> lost his third, dearly beloved, wife and one of his four sons. Another son was very ill with cancer at the time. So he desperately

needed ~~someone~~ a true, understanding friend. This I was able to be. We corresponded regularly, and during good driving weather he came up from Titusville, to see me, about once in three weeks. It is a hundred mile drive, one way - He would rent a room & breakfast, usually Sat. P.M. to Monday - We were so happy to be together, sharing a love of beauty



8) <sup>nature,</sup> in music - poetry - form -

Our backgrounds were very similar, also - religion (he Methodist)  
<sup>school days</sup> Ideas of propriety, respectability etc -

This beautiful friendship and love we enjoyed for about a year and a half, until May + June 1987. On his way home from Olean, he met with an auto accident which resulted in his death.

It was God's perfect answer to a difficult situation. We had grown very close - ~~we longed to be together~~ - He was 94 - no longer competent to drive back & forth or to properly keep house

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9) and care for himself. I still did not feel that I could give up my friends, church & family, here and go to Titusville

One of the things which we

Very much enjoyed doing together was visiting and caring for the <sup>miners & Rona's</sup> graves of our deceased spouses - I loved Lora because he did and I wanted to make him happy -  
Three minutes more to here  
Eight minutes total

The first time he came to house -  
Do you have the old Kanataclear?  
The Alfred ~~Ag~~ Sch yearbook -  
Immediately I was Thrilled -  
<sup>re calling</sup> common <sup>events</sup> remembrances etc.

I said to David, I'm looking over old K-s with an Alfred school mate - having the time of my life!  
~~I have thought much kinds of love -~~  
That was most beautiful -

9 hours 15 mins + 10 mins without paper



1) This period 1918 - 1920 most imp.  
turning point in life - Mamma had  
died April 1918. up to that time  
dependent - opinions + advice.  
In my concept black - white -  
everything either right or wrong -  
my interest - self. I <sup>was at sea</sup> could then  
no longer lean on her.  
Angeline Hayes. great help in  
starting <sup>me</sup> to mature. Elder, a  
former school teacher, Christian  
experienced in Ways of World -

poor people - bad things

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Home Beama was being organized  
about this time

She would listen to me and advise.  
In Spring of 1919 we moved  
into Carner house - former

boarding house - Travelers

were sent to me <sup>what I</sup> took

one of the first <sup>to take</sup> in

was. Rep. Comm. Chataquay

an entertainment and

instruction project. Both

mine + I became involved

with that and supported it

~~I then~~ in ensuing years when it came

~~I then~~ joined Red Cross, sponsored C.S.T

and gradually became Philanthropist

who acc to Webster One <sup>over</sup> who loves + seeks to benefit



2) ~~A~~ A

and seeks to benefit mankind.

One of the first org. I joined was  
Hus. Imp. Soc. We helped with  
Decoration Day Sew. as G A R  
dwindled, ~~lost~~ & cared for Post-  
Sponsored Old Home Days and  
started to provide playground  
equip. but learned that because  
of laws about liability insurance  
that we could not during that -  
In the early days of that we  
placed a road sign, Speed limit  
10 mi. per hr. - When my father  
saw them he just laughed and  
said, "Why make it any more  
ben colic than it is?"

I also joined Sunshine Soc.  
Rebekahs, Grange M.E. Women, all  
benevolent organizations.



Sunshine Socy, Rebekahs, grange  
M.E. Women

2) all benevolent. ~~Chautauque~~

One of my first independent  
ventures into the was when the  
Pratt family, tenant farmers with  
large family, lost their home  
and all contents by fire -

12 in squares old muslin -  
canvassed village - <sup>asking</sup> met at

our house & tied quilt -

I never did any big important  
thing - just little deeds of kind-  
ness, <sup>helpfulness</sup> which I could do -

I got into politics, locally, just  
a little when I was asked to  
run for town clerk on Rep. ticket.  
The incumbent, a democrat  
was excellent, no fault to be  
found, and he lived in village.

My ~~own~~ only ~~po~~ ground  
for asking for votes, was that

Home Science



3) he had had it so long, some-  
one else should be given a  
chance. I canvassed house to  
house, the whole Township  
making new friends and  
learning much about how  
the other side lived. I loved  
it. He won by two votes!

It would also be politics, I  
suppose, my circulating petition  
and helping my friend Elodie  
Barter to obtain app't as P.M.-  
I took census for Hinsdale 1950-

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When Home Deacons was formed  
early 1920's I was active in  
forming H's unit & app'd Nutrition  
leader. Went to Olean for instruct  
then taught local group. Of  
course, Alfred <sup>Schrey</sup> - helped -  
Thanks to Clara Saylor - David Laby



4/ In 19<sup>3</sup>~~19~~6 joined F.B.C. & B.B. -  
groups - active - elec. pres. &  
taught. also choir parties - as  
mine's wife. Deaconess - calling  
on members - loved it. E. Olean -  
Choir parties - once a month -  
Old Farm house - Halloween -  
Pump, pie and 1/2 hauser - 1 day  
rides

School Teach - In 1911 I ~~made my~~  
~~choice between~~ decided upon  
marriage as <sup>+ mother -</sup> most imp to me.

By 1929 I had more or less  
proven myself along those lines.  
Dick, my youngest was old enough  
for kindergarten and my per-  
sonal desire for ambition  
was beginning to stir, so I  
Went to Leache Jr. Class in  
Olean. Thelma took over



5) much of the housework, as  
I promised her help for ~~Refo~~  
State Teachers, when I had a job.  
By some standards I may  
have been judged as failing  
miner, in this. He was willing  
for me to go to T.T.C. and looked  
forward to the extra income.  
I taught two years across from  
Crosby & Amy. Then came the  
depression and scarcity of jobs  
of any kind, so the general  
sentiment was against married  
women being employed.

~~In~~ In 1942-43 I became  
part of the labor force, working  
at National Munitions, in Eldred.

Gilbert F. D.S. of schools - came to  
me and asked me to teach, on  
my permit the 7 mile, which I did -  
annual only for two years. The winter  
of 1944 was very hard -



(6) roads blocked - three wks or more  
Loyal - Huns, school bus, by  
Fitch - Wade 1 1/2 miles - splutter-  
ing fire, ice covered Wood etc -  
~~my~~ I decided I had had  
enough of teaching country schools  
~~my license~~  
St. Bonas - T. T. Class ~~also~~ licensed  
me to teach not over three  
years and that in country sch. s.  
only. So I continued my edu-  
cation by ex t. Fredonia <sup>as</sup>  
and work at St. Bonas - I could  
When Thelma transferred to  
Geneseo from Bflo I had the idea  
of going to G. With her putting  
the boys, D & O in school there  
renting rooms for light hsk -  
I planned we would all come  
home Fri. P.M. to late Sunday and  
stock up on food and take care of  
mines - Mine's ans. NO.  
Baptist Church



7) ~~As~~ the wife of a B.L.C.I.  
member of to N.B.L.C.A.  
was asked to join Any. object  
To help our husbands and to be  
a force for good in our resp.  
comm. I joined the Catt. Co  
unit when first formed. The  
~~one payment of dues included~~  
included  
memb. in State & Natl. Co. meet'gs  
Spring & Fall, State conv. <sup>& Natl</sup> once a yr  
National. I held various offices  
becoming N.Y. State President in  
1958. My work in this org.  
greatly broadened my horizons.  
Minn. was pleased and supported  
me loyally. It took us to  
meetings all over N.Y. State  
and to National Conventions.  
We made many friends,  
By corresp. comad, minn - Visit



8) When we located in 5-80 in  
Dunedin Fla in 1962 of course  
we joined the members assoc-  
and I became active. The set-  
up was - 580 was a small party  
the owners in debt on the  
purchase price but anxious to  
improve facilities and make  
it a happy commu. The  
residents were cooperative.  
If we <sup>group</sup> desired certain things  
it would be discussed with manag-  
ment. They would furnish some  
cash or materials and we would  
~~do~~ help with the work - I was  
one of the younger ones, so was  
better able to refinish table tops, wax  
the floor of rec hall for dancing etc -  
It was a congenial bunch of people  
and a happy time - Very happy -



9) Now I am a member of a diff.  
community - Eden Heights.

Nobody can understand what  
it means to a person to find  
him or herself in a place like  
this, until it is experienced.  
I am content and I try to be  
an optimist - always emphasizing  
the bright side. I am willing  
to listen, to anyone, ~~whether~~  
~~they~~ talk whatever their line.  
Many of us need to be listened  
to. I do.

I still keep in touch with  
friends from each group - many  
rural carriers & wives - Frie & on

Side B about middle  
Tape 3



Side A Tape 3

starts with .

Papa buried  
talk of marriage  
accepted  
marriage

Bainbridge  
back to Mother's

1st pregnancy

baby clothes

"Howard was red"



p. 1 notes. <sup>Side A last</sup> ~~kimona~~ <sup>Part</sup>  
pink. did not go well  
with his complexion.  
at 6 mo. Dr.  
discovered Albumen  
Howard's birth  
convulsions - 17  
mother mid - wife  
fever - hospitals  
D+C  
1914 - rented house  
1916 - pregnant



P. 2.  
Ghelma's birth  
Psychologist

~~1948 Anna Belle~~

Then in the Spring  
came Anna Belle  
ends side one

Tape III



III Tape 2 - B, ended ~~so~~ <sup>overly</sup> with the death of my father - He was brought to Hinsdale for a funeral in ~~my sister~~ <sup>formerly</sup> ~~the~~ the Caverly home, which had ~~been~~ <sup>been</sup> our family home, ~~for several years, he~~ was buried in Hinsdale Cemetery - Maplehurst - between my mother <sup>Belle</sup> and step mother Nellie - Marie had financial means of her own, so she returned to Georgia and proceeded to build a large community house, in the National Forest, there. Her idea was that fellow believers, including her family would come there, forming a religious community. She and Papa had filed a claim to the land, which needed only to be proven by occupancy.

She had the foundation laid and chimneys for at least two fireplaces, the frame <sup>roofs</sup> up and siding on, ~~also~~ also windows installed, when she realized that nobody else was interested in a religious comm. there and her funds were running low.

She hung the L. B. rug against the studs to shut off one room, around a fireplace, and made herself as comfortable as she could, <sup>while</sup> to prove her claim.



III  
3) After her claim was proven she moved to a  
out, <sup>rehabilitated herself</sup> got a job in school cafeteria. She always  
was an excellent cook - ~~She lived in Cleveland.~~  
~~So for several years she sold the place to~~  
a Hunting Club, and lived in Cleveland So, for  
several years. <sup>one time</sup> The mail man noticed —  
Her sister Martha came and took charge —  
She saw that <sup>only</sup> Emma and I <sup>only</sup> had kept in  
touch with <sup>Marie</sup> her so she sent me Marie's  
diamond and some other things easily  
mailable — Conclusion? Analysis <sup>is?</sup> ~~is?~~  
Intense religious belief - financier -  
Her + Papa's marriage a great advantage  
to us - We would have had to care for him  
for 7 years - of heart attacks in one of  
our homes -

Dear Maggie

12/9/89.

Both of us hope  
most sincerely  
The twenty-fifth day  
of December  
Will bring you more cheer  
And more pleasure  
this year  
Than any that you  
can remember!  
Merry Christmas!

With love to you  
Eddie + Dorothy.



III We visited her there on our way home from Florida, several years later. Her P.O. address was Sarah, Georgia. We went there to ask directions - a crude country store, a rack of perhaps 10 or 12 mail pigeon holes in one corner. It was 5<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> mi. out to her place, just a track. ~~ended few rods -~~

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As we had known her, she had been fastidious, demanding quality in everything, especially particular in caring for her beautiful long hair, <sup>which had</sup> ~~it~~ never ~~having~~ been cut. We had to leave the car and walk the last few rods toward the house - as we approached she came around from behind. It seemed that she must be an apparition - Non descript clothing, soiled from contact with the soil of her garden, her hair disheveled partially confined in two long braids.

She welcomed us with open arms, made us comfortable as possible and entertained us over at least one night. She let us go through pictures and take whatever we liked, also gave us relics of Mama -

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The next 'chapter' according to Sue's  
outline is to be Woman's life -  
expectation as wife, community  
member, mother, as an indi-  
vidual - responses to these  
expectations. I plan to tell of my  
responses as I relate the events.

P I will start with  
as a wife. ~~I am assuming~~  
~~that personal details are~~  
desired.





~~When~~ <sup>begin to</sup> I matured and considered  
the future ~~that~~ the chief  
aim of almost every girl  
was to marry and have a  
home - <sup>to be financially</sup> <sup>care for</sup>  
<sup>supported</sup> <sup>cherished</sup>. Any employment  
as a teacher or <sup>Sales Person</sup> ~~clerk~~ <sup>secretary</sup>  
was considered only temporary,  
until the right knight came  
along. Because school had  
been easy for me it was  
generally expected that I would  
be a school teacher. I did not  
want to be an old maid school  
teacher.

I was still much in love  
with Dean Hamble. He was  
going on to agricultural college,  
earning his own way and I

P knew would not be marrying for  
several years



~~you~~  
I remember going for a walk  
one Sunday when M. was  
not allowed to come, ~~with~~  
~~Marian~~ <sup>we went</sup> down the tow path  
to Fay Hollow road and back  
up the main road, past Hamble's.  
Dean came out to the road  
and we talked a bit and M. & I  
went on home.

3) after I was in bed that night  
I started crying. Marian called  
mama but I could not tell them  
why I was crying. <sup>was making mistakes quite clear</sup> ~~A~~ By this time M-  
That is when I made my de-  
cision to accept and enjoy Miner's  
attention. I respected and admired  
him and enjoyed being with  
him. I grew to love him deeply.



~~C.~~ This was late summer  
1911. ~~When~~<sup>Miner's</sup> Our courtship  
continued. I was selling  
McLean Black jewelry  
& Silver Ware in Cubas  
to earn money to attend  
Mysia at Alfred. Miner  
came down from Friend-  
on the Erie train, ~~has~~  
took me to lunch and  
we went for a walk -  
through the cemetery  
~~because of~~ so as to be  
alone. There he declared  
his intentions. ~~over~~

~~June 26, 1989~~

1252 Fulton St.  
Olean, NY 14760

Mrs. Miner Scott 219 Eden Heights, P.O. Box 563



It was not a question, but  
I knew he wanted an affirm-  
response. I asked for time.

**D** ~~I~~ A day or two later I wrote  
him a letter, still unwilling  
to be formally engaged, but  
~~acknowledging my~~ admitting  
my pleasure in his company.  
He did not accept that. He came  
down to Cuba again in a  
few days and we walked out  
west of Cuba and sat under  
a tree on the roadside bank -  
He insisted that he was going  
to buy me a ring. I finally  
agreed to accept it.

I chose an opal rather than  
a diamond

**P**

Anne  
fant  
back  
now &



The following Sunday he brought the ring to my home in Hinsdale.

Our first kiss or embrace was three weeks later, <sup>sitting</sup> on a bench outside the church in Alfred, one evening. My mother had stressed to him her very strict rules of sexual conduct.

That whole winter of 1911-12, our <sup>practically</sup> only chance to be alone together was walking, outside or standing under the porch of Buck location

I worked for my board at the Brick, the girls' Dorm. Another girl had to do the supper dishes before I could go out. By that time the crowd at the P.O. had dispersed and any cozy places, like the steps in the Old Steinheim, were already occupied. <sup>it was</sup> <sup>disappointed</sup> <sup>pride</sup> <sup>Response</sup> I was a ~~pride~~ very self-righteous because ~~I was~~ any intimacy between us was perfectly O.K. - We were engaged I was ~~noticed~~

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worked for 11.5 p.m.  
The Brick, the gals' Dorm. Another  
girl + I had to do the supper dishes  
before I could go out. By that time  
the crowd at the P.O. had dispa-  
sed and any cozy places, like the  
steps in the Old Steinheim, were  
already occupied. <sup>so disappointed</sup> ~~Response~~

<sup>Jim</sup> ~~at 10~~ I was a <sup>prude</sup> ~~prude~~, very self right  
lous because ~~I was~~ any in-  
timacy between us was per-  
fectly O.K. - We were engaged

I was noticed and had some  
<sup>very</sup> mild temptations to flit a little  
Twenty five years later, I was  
told, "an attractive new girl  
came on campus. All the fellows  
wanted to date her. Miner was  
always right there so the poor  
guys never had a chance."

**P** When school closed we ret'd  
to resp. Homes Miner - work - I  
prepare for marriage



Side B - Tape III

Annabelle's death  
but happy year  
ironing board  
up road to Father's  
house.



F ~~B~~ my ~~trousseau~~ - ~~of~~ Hainsook  
Wedding clothes -  
Under garments + night

gown, lace trimmed,  
Wedding gown - fine  
<sup>white</sup> Voile with tiny blue  
fleur de lie scattered ~~over~~  
sparsely over surface,  
lace plastron - all ~~hand~~  
made by me -

Two showers - one  
best friends by Ruth  
& Mabel Morris -  
Comforter - tied by  
guests -

I also had two comforters  
<sup>on</sup> which I had learned to  
sew. Mama ~~had red~~  
~~has~~ also let me pick  
and can red raspberries

and some vegetables. I did not  
go empty handed -

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At that time, I had never heard of in Hinsdale, nobody had church Weddings. The nicest way was a home wedding for families and close friends, otherwise the couple and two attendants would go to the parsonage of choice, then either out or ~~at~~ to a home to eat.

We planned to be married by Rev. Crawford at my parents home Aug. 21, 1912. Mine's sister Hazel was my maid of honor and Lloyd Weaver Mine's Best Man.

Aunt Ruby and Marian helped decorate the S.W. Corner of the Parlor with Fern's, golden glow and white everlasting flowers - as the altar.

P. Mama had made Brides Cake - angel food and Wedding Cake Dark Fruit ~~chocolate~~ <sup>Part of</sup> The wedding cake was cut in small cubes, put in little boxes and tied with a yellow



~~H~~ ribbon. This was used as favors at the table.

Mama + Aunt Ruby had also prepared a ~~ban~~ luncheon of cold, sliced boiled ham, potato salad rolls and ice cream + the cakes.

~~Festie was ring bearer.~~

My girl friends served.

After the luncheon I changed into my "going away" suit, but we just stayed at my parents home, until after dark ~~and the~~ when the guests had all left.

I will now tell you about our plan for a honeymoon. We could not spend much money, as we were going back to Alfred to school. Miner's mother owned a <sup>part of</sup> farm back up in the sticks - There was a house on it and beautiful pine woods. I wanted to camp there - so romantic - But



~~#~~ ~~4~~ miner's practical idea was  
to take his horse and buggy  
and drive to Elmira N.Y. to visit  
his sister Sue, ~~to~~ ~~canvasser~~  
taking subs. for a. a. as we went  
along, trading a sub. to paper for  
food & lodging each night.  
That is what we did. We were  
a week on the road - one  
maiden lady - black berries  
fresh home made bread -  
I really enjoyed the experiences.  
My life had been quite sheltered



5) Our first abode -

3rd story - 2 rooms - Carry  
up water - down slops, ~~the~~  
~~of bath on 2nd floor~~, 2 burner  
gas hot plate, ~~set~~ on oven, orange  
crate cupboards - refug - box  
outside window - under eaves  
storage - I made it our home  
~~Settee in L.R.~~, We lived happily  
there. <sup>company</sup> Miner proved himself  
a good host - ~~I hostess~~  
~~He went to~~

~~Bedis - Bro + Sis + Witter - M.~~  
~~Went out to sleep when ~~the~~ my~~  
~~one of my sisters came - Settee~~  
~~in L.R. slept child~~

~~I was to~~ We were ~~to~~ thus

~~both~~ My response was to be  
Very pleased - I was express-  
ing my personality, as they  
say, now a days and he was  
playing his part.



6 I had however expected  
more romance in marriage  
~~to~~ Miner and I both loved to  
dance and I could feel ro-  
mantic along with the dance  
music. Otherwise he was  
all practical common sense.

I was a bit disapp - but learned -

Of course everyone has prob-  
lems in adjusting to marriage.  
One Sunday, as soon as my  
work was done up I sat down  
to read "The Trail of the Honesome  
Pine". I lost myself in it and  
read on and on <sup>well</sup> late into P.M.  
Miner expressed his displeasure.  
I knew he was right.

A more serious problem was  
the fact that all senior girls  
were supposed to spend four  
weeks Practice Housekeeping, in  
the home of the Misses Woods.  
I was conscientious and willing  
to do it. Miner stood up for  
his RIGHTS, which embarrassed  
me. I was torn both ways -

~~Miss Angeline who was head of~~  
~~Home Ec~~ The household consisted  
of the 2 Miss Woods, <sup>Angeline + Julia</sup> two junior  
girls, paying room and board



7A and the two seniors who were  
house practicing. It did not look  
quite right to Miss Angeline  
to have a man thrown in  
among them even though he was  
my husband. She put up a cot  
for him, which he occupied one  
night, but left at 6:00 a.m. That  
was not satisfactory, so they  
compromised. I could sleep at home  
but was to be at their place  
from 6:00 a.m. until the dinner  
work was done and things  
planned for breakfast at night.  
Of course I went to classes  
from there. I served two weeks  
as maid and then two weeks as  
housekeeper. I was given a good  
mark on the course and Miss  
W. recommended me highly to  
~~my~~ prospective employer. At  
least that is what she told  
Mama-



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We graduated April 1913.

Mineer had accepted a good job on a farm in Bainbridge N.Y. The owner of the farm had written the School to recommend ~~someone~~ a grad. His son had been given an ag. education, but had died.

Director ~~Wright~~ Du Bois had re-miner & miss W. me-

~~One never knows how things would have turned~~



~~out~~ L.F. We were both pleased  
and anxious to go.

8) Miner's mother felt that  
she could not stand it to  
have her first born son so  
far away. She persuaded  
Father Volney (M's father) to  
offer him a job on his farm  
in Friendship, and pleaded  
with Miner to accept.

I agreed because it had been em-  
phasised to me that the man must  
always be the head of the house and  
of course there was also the question  
of filial duty. It was not nearly  
as good an offer as the Bainbridge  
job.  
But Father S. would sign no contract.

→ When my mother found out about  
→ that she protested, but to no avail.

→ The job in Bainbridge was gone,  
so we went in with mine L.F.T.



~~Gray expectations~~  
I had expected more romance in  
marriage. I was a bit disappointed  
in that respect. <sup>My love was</sup> ~~never~~ as practical  
as provided a good home. I liked to  
see me Wedded, ~~that~~ and gave  
me a feeling of financial security. ~~as~~  
~~he would go out and sell outcrops~~  
~~to Amerique. As had been my~~  
~~policy I accepted the fact and was~~  
content and happy.

~~people and I proceeded to put~~  
~~in~~ <sup>People</sup> ~~in~~ until an abandoned  
<sup>nearby,</sup> house bought for 100 was  
D livable.  
The house attractive —



5) ~~The house~~ Alva Jordan, the  
former ~~owner~~ of the house had  
built a new

9) The house was rather attractive,  
~~What~~ an old fashioned <sup>1/2 story</sup> farm house  
with verandah across front. The  
former owner had built a new  
Victorian-(high) house and  
just moved out and left it, so  
it did not require much  
work to make it livable again -  
mainly the broken windows.

Father<sup>s</sup> bought a 2nd hand  
cook stove <sup>stove</sup>. In my father's barn  
were stored remains of two  
grandmother's homes which  
had been broken up. We  
took bedroom furniture ~~at~~  
+ rug from there. **P OVER**



+ living  
least from there, Mother S. gave  
6 <sup>10</sup> us a L.P. Carpet and <sup>m's</sup> Bro. Hanley  
Bed Room Suite etc - saved  
at Auction - I had Wedding pres.

money from my father with  
which I bought set of dishes

& L.P. Curtains. So we

established our first  
real home - (a beautiful Boston  
Rocher -)

I had a good garden,  
had to get water from

Alva J's pump - a few

rods - Wood for fuel,

Potatoes & milk <sup>were</sup> furnished.

P Father had not approved  
of mine marrying me -

I would never inherit any -

thing. All my people had was

kids. P Mother ~~had~~ had nurses -

10. MR. PHILIPS  
11. MATT DILLON

ANSWERS WILL BE POSTED ON BULLETIN BOARD IN HALLWAY  
ACROSS FROM NURSE'S STATION



8  
X About ten years before and  
I was subject to frequent 'spells'  
when she would be sick in bed  
for two or more days.

I, being right close by, it was  
easy to ask me to take over  
when she had a 'spell'. I was  
glad to do it and used the  
opportunity to ingratiate my-  
self with Father S. I had noticed  
things about Mother's housekeeping  
which annoyed him. One thing  
was that the big milk cans were  
seldom washed until time to  
take them to the barn at night.  
Father would often do them then.  
So I took pains to wash them  
right after breakfast dishes and



8) put them out in the sun -

12 was soon happy to see that  
I was pregnant, but not happy

with the severe nausea. I did  
not want them to know it, as I  
expected their disapproval.

Fried salt pork was a regular  
food on their table. When cooking

the odor made me very ill.  
picture TV TRIVIA mother in porch down to leave  
bed - I cut on the back

I managed  
to keep it  
from them  
as long as we were  
until late

WHO PLAYED THE FOLLOWING CHARACTERS ON TV?

1. THE RIFLEMAN

2. CANNON

3. THE LONE RANGER

4. LITTLE JOE

5. MR. PEEPERS

6. PALADIN

7. THE VIRGINIAN

8. THE THIN MAN

9. CAPTAIN KIRK

Father really loved me from then on

Aug. When the haying & oat harvest  
were done Father decided he no  
longer needed miner's help.



(13) We stored our goods back  
in my father's barn and <sup>moved in with my people</sup>

Miner went back to selling  
Amer. Agric. Mammals I was  
both happy to be together during  
my first pregnancy. She had  
accepted Miner as a son, to  
replace her first born, still born  
from when he first came to our  
house.

As miner was away selling  
Am. Ag. during the weekdays,  
I fitted back in as Mother's Helper.  
I soon was busy + happy  
making  
Baby 1st b b h

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quite differently than they are today.  
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was centered over the navel, then  
wound tightly around the abdomen  
and pinned with three or four  
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**P.** Kick freely but not be exposed. Up until about <sup>3 or 4</sup> 4 or 5 mo. babies were dressed dresses + petticoats

**OVER**





soft all wool material. When  
baby was put into short dresses,  
full length all wool hose pinned  
to diaper leg opening.

Dresses were always white,  
made of nainsook or possibly  
long cloth. Hoods, bonnets, sacques  
or jackets were crocheted or knitted.  
I did feather stitching in pink  
or blue silkateen on neck + sleeve  
bands of the nighties. I also added  
a kimono - in bright pink. There  
was not the pink for girls, distinct  
then that there is now, or has  
been until recently.

When Howard came he was Red.



My children - My viewpoint

Howard - Healthy - 6 + pounds - Bedtime -

Songs - just a song - pictures on wall - stories

Slow walking - 16 mo - Talked - Showed affection -

Picnics - grandma + gr. pa. Scott - Numbers on

calendar - De - De - from Howardy -

Entered first grade Sept 1919. Health exam -

Special food + care but cleared up -

Cod liver oil - Milk shakes etc -

Went to the corner store for groceries etc -

before going to school - Pulled weeds in

garden - got Bill Hogue to help him -

Contrary streaks and it seemed I must

Spank or switch him - Then good for some

time -

playing with tinware, then picking up and

putting away - rubbing the bruise - Grandma

Scott thought cutest thing. Taking care of

his clothes after being undressed -

Sold O + H early - Saved money + bought out

of clothes when 9 yrs. old -